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Major and cabinet defend 'courage and common sense' of Chancellor

# Defiant Lamont shrugs off calls to resign over ERM

By Philip Webster Chief Political CORRESPONDENT

A DEFIANT Norman La-mont was last night intent on riding out the storm created by his decision to float the pound.

In a counter-offensive against his critics in the Conservative party, the country and the press, the embattled Chancellor of the Exchequer gave a series of television inlerviews in which he insisted that he had no intention of resigning.

On a day in which interest rates were cut back to 10 per cent, the rate at which they stood before Wednesday's extraordinary chain of events, John Major appeared to have secured Mr Lamont's immediate future by giving him strong public backing and by winning the unanimous endorsement of the cabinet for pound out of the European

With Tory MPs saying that Mr Lamont's credibility had taken a battering, uncertainty remained over his longerterm future. He could yet go when the present crisis has abated. Defending his actions last night. Mr Lamont said his decision to abandon the defence of the pound was face of a whirlwind".

The pound fell to DM2.6323 yesterday, an eff-ective devaluation of 11 per cent, and there was more gloomy economic news, with unemployment rising by 47,000 in August, nearly twice the expected increase. However, the prime minister told a three-hour emergency cabinet meeting that Mr Lamont must not be made the scapegoat for the decision to abandon a central plank of the government's economic policy and he insisted that the battle against inflation would remain the cornerstone of the government's strategy.

To underline that point, Downing Street and the Chancellor said that Britain

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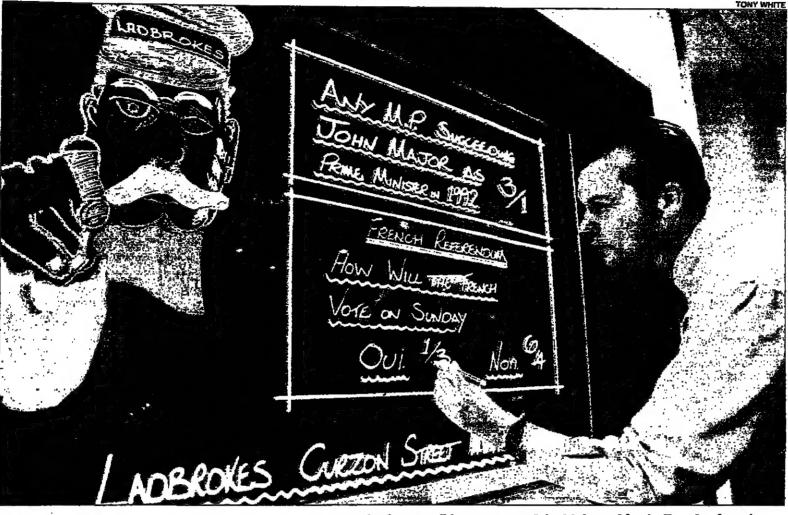
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Accountants' PEH June re-sults will be published to-

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sale tonight from 10pm at main London stations.



City speculation: odds on offer at a London betting shop yesterday for a possible successor to John Major and for the French referendum

would resume membership of the European exchange-rate maechanism "as soon as conditions allow". The government's formula deliberately left open the timing of a possible return. Senior cabinet ministers disclosed last night that the government had no intention of going back into the mechanism until the markets had calmed and the fundamental problem of high German interest rates had been resolved.

There is unconcealed anger in Downing Street at the recent behaviour of the Bundesbank and its failure to take account of the impact of its within the monetary system. Mr Lamont said last night:

"Nobody could have expected to do more. We might have got on a little bit better if we had a little more international co-operation."

It appears that some ministers still hope other countries will follow Britain's lead in suspending membership, as Italy has done. Such a development would lead to a reform of the system. Any early move to return to the ERM would provoke a substantial revolt among Conservative MPs who were clearly relieved yesterday that the government had been forced to cut loose from what they had regarded as an increas-

ingly unsustainable policy.
There is a growing clamour

isters to use the opportunity created by Britain's withdrawal to cut interest rates and in take measures in the caturan to help the economy our of recession.

Downing Street sources said after the cabinet meeting that the government would continue to set monetary and fiscal policy with the key objective of bringing inflation down — a further hint that this year's public spending round will be tighter than ever. "We are not seeking to achieve a particular rate in the very exceptional and turbulent market circumstances," they said.

Mr Lamont's immediate future appeared to be safe after the rallying operation led by Mr Major on his be-half. The prime minister told the cabinet that Mr Lamont had acted with speed and courage. The Chancellor should not be seen as an air raid shelter", he said in a remark meaning that Mr Lamont alone should not take

all the criticism for a policy supported by the full cabinet. Every member of the cabinet then declared their backing for Mr Lamont, who will wind up next Thursday's Continued on page 18, col 4

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#### France and Italy seek **EC** summit

FROM GEORGE BROCK IN BRUSSELS

ITALY yesterday called for a summit of European Community leaders to be held soon after Sunday's French referendum so that they can restore order to the financial markets. Pierre Bérégovoy. the French prime minister. backed the call. Because Britain holds the EC presidency. any summit would probably be in London.

Emilio Colombo, the Italian foreign minister, said a high-level EC meeting would be needed to consider the French result and to "restore immediate monetary discipline as quickly as possible". Later yesterday the Italian Senate ratified the Maastricht treaty.

European Commission officials spent the day trying to calm the markets after a meeting of the EC monetary committee confirmed the suspension of the pound and the lira from the ERM and devaluation of the peseta. The Bank of Italy closed its foreign exchange markets until after the French referendum.

"The ERM remains a very Continued on page 18, col 2

#### **ECONOMY IN TURMOIL**

#### Base rate returns to 10 per cent

Britain allowed base rates to lapse back to 10 per cent yesterday in the wake of the suspension from the exchange-rate mechanism. In its free float. sterling was effectively devalued 11 per cent by the markets from its old ERM central rate of DM2.45 and 5 per cent below its old ERM floor of DM2.7780. It had fallen to DM2.6323 at the official 4pm Bank of England close and DM2.6448 in lunchtime New York trading. Dealers said the pound encountered heavy selling in early trading 

#### Share prices soar

Shares celebrated release from the restraints of ERM. The FT-SE closed 105.6 points up at 2483.0 in the heaviest day of trading recorded on the London stock market since electronic trading began. Around 1,36 billion shares were traded ironically topping the 1,34 billion which changed hands on April 10, the day after John Major's election victory. Investors plumped for shares in big exporters to take advantage of the lower pound. Although the government re-emphasised its commitment to low inflation and a speedy return to the ERM, dealers hoped the pound would remain at what they see as a more realistic level ....... Page 19
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#### No rise in mortgages

The return to base rates of 10 per cent also removed the immediate threat of a large increase in mortgage interest rates and even opened the way for some optimism. Big lenders were looking for more movement and some were even hopeful of another cut in base rates that would allow a mortgage-rate reduction. David Gilchrist, group general manager at the Halifax, the largest mortgage lender, said: "There will be a great deal of uncertainty in the next 

#### Jobless total hits 2.8m

The number of jobless claiming benefits rose by 71.541 during August, taking the total to a new five-year peak of 2,845,508. After seasonal adjustments. the rise, at 47,000, was the biggest this year. Output in manufacturing industry was reported as unchanged in July, confirming a disturbing flatness of production in recent months after pointers to an upturn in manufacturing earlier this year. Manufacturing output, seen as a safer guide to economic activity, fell 0.2 per cent in June ...... Page 19

#### on the Tory benches for min-One by one, the currencies tumble

By George Sivell

LIKE the ten green bottles hanging on the wall, the members of the European exchange-rate mechanism are being picked off one by one after 13 years of relative calm in the system intended to bring stable currencies.

Maybe it is a sign of things to come that the Reuter screens which show the European monetary system were blank yesterday (the software was still coping with this week's momentous events). Market movements show there is a big question mark over the future of the ERM.

The foreign exchange dealers have been able to move with quite astonishing speed against the ERM even before the French referendum. With the pound and lira out of the firing line, and the peseta comfortably devalued, the dealers yesterday turned on the next weakest currencies in

Down came the Irish punt. guilty by association with the pound, and down came the Danish crown, guilty by association with the other unfornunate Scandinavians - and by their rejection of the Maastricht treaty. This is bad news for the Irish and Danes who

have striven to bring their economies into line with the European ideal. The Portu-guese escudo, guilty by associ-ation with the peseta, is next in line and from Lisbon came word that it too would deval-ue if the peseta devaluation proved more than temporary.

However, the most telling of yesterday's targets was the French franc, which fell near its ERM floor from Fr3.388 to Fr3.42. Of the ten ERM currencies only the German mark, the Dutch guilder and the Belgian franc remained

One currency trader said: "After years of stability the

ERM is in unchartered territory. Rules and parameters are being much more closely questioned by the markets. It could be very messy."

The Euro-faithful rallied to defend the system, the em-bryo of the single European currency envisaged by the Maastricht treaty. No less a person than Jacques Delors, the president of the European Commission, pleaded, realistically: "Let's not ask more of the European monetary system than it can provide." But he went on to predict a healthy future for it.

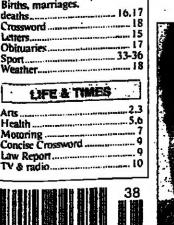
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# Briton dies saving girl friend from grizzly



Percy-Lancaster.

By Harvey Elliott

TREVOR Percy-Lancaster, one of Hampshire's best-known and mostpopular artists, was clawed to death by a grizzly bear as he struggled to save his voman friend from the enraged animal. Mr Percy-Lancaster, 46, and his com-

panion, Cheryl Reksten, 45, had dis-turbed a 312lb bear on a remote, snowcovered trail in the Canadian Rockies. As the bear turned on them, rearing on its hind legs and waving its razor-sharp claws. Miss Reksten, instead of lying motionless - which experts say is enough to prevent an attack - fled and

The bear chased her, pulled her to the ground by her hiking boots and tore at her scalp and back as she frantically tried to escape. Mr Percy-Lancaster waved his arms and hit the bear in an attempt to drive it away. It turned on

tried to climb a tree.

Another camper ran five miles to the nearest park warden station. Wardens, arriving by helicopter, found Miss Reksten had staggered several miles from the scene of the attack, she was taken to hospital in Edmonton where last night she was said to be stable.

The wardens, who followed the bear's tracks in the snow, shot it dead when it suddenly loomed out of the woods to attack them. The carcass was being examined for signs of rabies.

Last night friends spoke in horrified admiration of the quiet cycling and hiking enthusiast. Emily Farrar, who lived in the same block of flats as art lecturer Mr Percy-Lancaster in Milland Road. Winchester, said: "He was deeply in love with his girl friend. They did everything together. He was a very kind, friendly person and it is typical of him to give up his life for her."

Gerry Israelson, a park spokesman, said that the actions of Mr Percy-Lan-

life. "It appears that because of the noise from a nearby stream and the direction in which the wind was blowing, the couple and the bear startled each other. You shouldn't run. nor should you climb a tree. What you should do is lie down and play dead." he

As wardens searched for other bears which might also have moved down into the area from their normal feeding grounds, the park was closed and 15 hikers were airlifted to safety.

Nick Lindsay, curator of Whipsnade wild animal park, said of grizzlies last night: 'They are omnivores and although they prefer berries, fruit and roots, they will also eat fish, meat or small mammals. Most of all they are natural scavengers. Many have been fed by picnickers and they therefore come looking for it, then get aggressive if they



clawed to death

## Money turmoil leaves blueprint for European unity in tatters



Hurd: co-operation

THIS week's currency turmoil has created cracks not only in the exchange-rate mechanism but also in the entire Maastricht treaty. Without its timetables for a European central bank and a single currency, the treaty does not account for much.

Jacques Delors, president of the European Commission and author of the monetary union plan, was one of the first people to mutter about the long-term political effects of market turbulence in July, long before such fears became widespread. The chaotic warfare fought across Europe's financial markets over the past formight is, funda-mentally, a conflict between politics and economics. Bankers and politi-

cians are fighting over the soul of post-Cold war Europe.

minds to what they want to salvage from Maastricht. Few of them believe that the treaty will come into force exactly as it is now written, whichever way France votes in its referendum on Sunday.

Douglas Hurd, a leading expo-nent of variable geometry, is play-ing a central role in the debate on what to salvage. As current president of the Council of Ministers, he will speak for the European Community on the morning after the

He has long been a prominent advocate of Britain's membership of the ERM, believing that the government could afford to remain semi-detached from monetary union but not from the EC's exchange-rate scheme.

Astutely sensing the rising hostility to the ERM in his own party.

#### **BEYOND MAASTRICHT**

The idea of a monolithic Community with common policies on most issues has been dealt a serious blow, George Brock writes

Mr Hurd has recently been laying heavy stress on non-economic European issues such as Community immigration policies and underlining that co-operation will continue even if Maastricht

But monetary union has always been the most painful of Britain's dilemmas. If a currency zone becomes the core of a reshaped Community, can Britain afford to stay outside? M Delors, true to his original vision, still believes that the exchange rate crisis only serves to underline the vital importance of a single currency. Only the discipline of one money will protect Europe-ans from this turmoil, he said on French radio yesterday, adding that the ERM was never supposed to be a "miracle cure". But under M Delors, the ERM has almost become a vehicle for monetary

Some French policymakers are toying with the idea of a faster, smaller monetary club if the treaty

then join France, the Benelux countries and Denmark in a single currency. All these states trade heavily with Germany, and within the narrow bands of the ERM they already form a de facto mark zone.

The suggestion that sceptical Denmark of all countries, might be part of such a core group might appear paradoxical. But then, in accordance with the variable geometry concept, different versions of European integration are likely to emerge from the ERM upheaval and the wreckage of Maastricht's

Denmark is not only the tiny country that turned down the treaty in its referendum; it is also one of the three economies in the EC and there are only three — which now meet the treaty's tough criteria

should be rejected. Germany might for joining a monetary union. In other words, the concept of a monolithic EC with common policies on almost everything, from monetary affairs to defence, has suffered a serious blow. The Com-munity, whether in its present form or enlarged by Scandinavian and Alpine states, may be able to deepen its integration in some areas, but only by leaving several members out.

The once-fashionable idea of a "two-speed" Europe is giving way to a series of dubs with varying memberships and varied degrees of integration. In the words of one EC diplomat "The Community faces a choice between a try at another treaty, a kind of Maastricht II, or something more like a series of concentric rings — a Europe of three or four speeds."

## Major must struggle to restore his damaged credit rating

By ROBIN OAKLEY

JOHN Major now has to almost certainly move into a restore stability not only to the pound but to a party that has been shocked to its core and which suspects there is truth in Gordon Brown's accusation that it has destroyed any reputation it might have had for economic competence.

Four years short of an election, Mr Major is in no danger of overthrow. If Labour were unwise enough to stage a vote of no confidence the Tory party would back the prime minister, probably to a man. But much of his credit has been exhausted by the folly of investing every jot of prime ministerial credibility in defending a particular exchange rate for the pound and losing.

The shadow of Baroness Thatcher has grown once more and the fact that the most vociferous critics of the ERM are also leaders of the anti-Maastricht movement can only increase the government's difficulties.

Tory MPs will have noted that the opinion poll verdict on Mr Major, who began as the most popular post-war prime minister, sank from a rating of only plus I last month. It will prospects would add to ner-

minus rating this month. Much depends now on the French referendum on Maastricht. If the verdict is "non" then no one knows how much chaos will ensue in what is left of the ERM. Some ministers believe that the pound may now have been fully discounted and would suffer no further while other currencies took the strain and the whole mechanism was seen to unravel. In that case Britain would look

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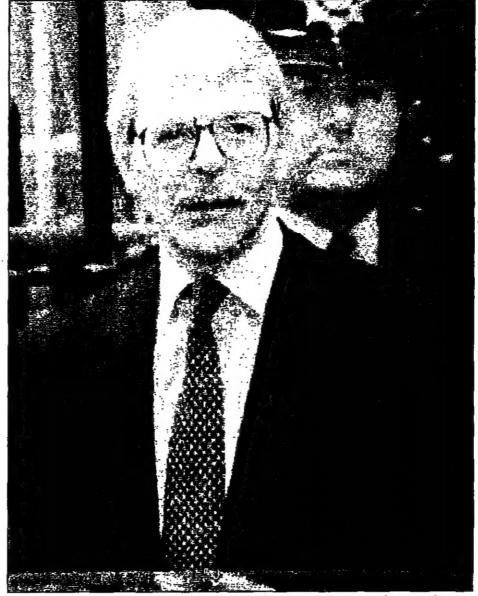
less isolated. Mr Major has already said that a French no will kill the treaty and that the bill to ratify it would be withdrawn from the Commons. He would no longer have to attempt with lesser authority what he had already conceded would be a "bruis-ing passage" for the bill.

The real problems come with a yes vote in France. Mr Major will then feel obliged to reintroduce a bill he would be by no means certain of seeing rough; and its uncertain

vousness in the markets. Meanwhile the agony of what to do with the economy remains. Allies and opponents alike say that Mr Major has to look very carefully at his party now to decide whether he can afford to limp to port patched up and still under the European flag or whether he should cut loose, trim interest rates and start trying to lift Britain out of recession with an economy to suit the curren-

If he decides to go for it, with a new Chancellor, the chances are that the party would regroup and turn a blind eye to a little loosening on inflation. But if there is one thing on which Mr Major is a fanatic, those close to him say, it is his crusade against inflation. Abandonment of that would come harder than anything and some ministers believe that if his party insists on a more expansionist economy then the prime minister might say that they will have to manage without him.

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Grim outlook: Mr Major leaving 10 Downing Street yesterday after chairing an emergency meeting of the cabinet, which discussed the financial crisis

#### Opinion hardens against return to the ERM

By NICHOLAS WOOD, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

LEADING Conservatives signalled their determination to resist any early attempt by the remment to take Britain back into the European ex-

change-rate mechanism. They issued their warning after the cabinet agreed that Britain would rejoin the ERM "as soon as conditions allow".

Opinion was hardening on the Tory benches that the government could not risk another humiliation at the hands of the markets and a forced withdrawal from the ERM. The chorus was led by Lord Tebbit, the former Tory party chairman, who said it would be "deeply depressing" if the government really intended to go back into the ERM once the turmoil in the markets subsided.

At the same time, the anti-Maastricht Conservative European Reform Group, which claims a membership of 85 backbenchers, wrote to John Major demanding a debate and vote in Parliament before any move was made to

rejoin the currency grid.

The form of words agreed by the cabinet was reminiscent of Margaret Thatcher's initial promise to join the ERM "when the time is right". That

rial differences delayed entry for several years and there were strong suggestions yes-terday that the latest position was no more than a figleaf to cover the government's embarrassment at having to abandon the central plank of

its economic policy.

One minister said: "I am not surprised they said that. I would be surprised if they meant it. Another senior Tory, with good links to Downing Street, pointed out that with the French referendum on Sunday, the ERM might cease to exist next week.

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Committed pro-Europeans tended yesterday to keep their heads down, suggesting that TORY MOOD

the main lesson of the turmoil of the past 24 hours was the need to move quickly towards a single currency, which would eliminate the possibility of such upheavals.

However, Sir Peter Hord-ern, chairman of the backbench European affairs committee, said that in the longerterm the government should go back into the ERM at a lower rate for the pound. That was the only way to get back to the 5½ per cent long-term in-

terest rates of the early 1960s. The anti-federalists were again in full cry. While they drew satisfaction from the government's decision to suspend Britain's membership of the ERM, cut interest rates by 2 per centage points and float the pound, they were troubled by the cabiner's hint that Britain might rejoin before

long. "Never again" was the message from most Tory MPs. Although Mr Lamont won praise from John Major for his speed and courage and the unanimous backing of the cabinet, the Chancellor remained under intense pres-sure with renewed calls for his resignation. Lord Tebbit said: "It is the ERM which converted government success in dealing with inflation into a disaster. There is no future in fixed exchange rates. The Chancellor should do what he

the pound." Other Tories were worried that in the absence of the ERM the government's anti-ERM the government's anuinflationary strategy lacked credibility. Bernard Jenkin. Tory MP for Colchester North and one of the many Eurosceptics among the new intake, said the government thould be the control of the c should revive the monetarist policies of the early 1980s, which had defeated inflation.

## Why former health minister was chosen to apply balm to wounds

SIR Norman Fowler, Conservative party chairman, took on an extra role as head of the damage limitation squad, to which he was swiftly appointed as the Major government was engulfed in its greatest crisis (Robin Oakley writes).

Once Downing Street had settled its diversionary tactic blame the Germans - and decided to try to keep the Chancellor, Sir Norman was made available to television news bulletins. impeccably turned out and soothingly bland, he did the round of the studios all Wednesday night

and Thursday morning. The government was there to take decisions and had taken brave ones, he insisted, with the assurance of one who would have argued that the Titanic had been designed as an underwater exploration vessel. As party chairman, and having left the Thatcher cabinet in its latter days, Sir Norman was distant enough from departmental responsi-bility for the economic disaster

for his appearance not to raise

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instant questions. His detachment as party apparatchik gave him greater freedom to shore up Norman Lamont's crumbling position by saying that it was all the fault of the Germans, that the finger of blame should point at Professor Helmut Schlesinger, president of the Bundesbank.

Sir Norman, reputed in his ministerial days to have been slow to make up his mind but brilliant at selling the decision, once made, had shown his capacity for keeping down the temperature when health secretary, a brief that has scarcely been out of the mire of controversy since.

In those days he had one John Major as a junior minis-ter and the friendship they struck up then has endured even though Sir Norman held to an earlier promise to back Michael Heseltine in the leadership campaign. It has been rumoured that

affairs correspondent for The Times would like to crown his political career with the office of home secretary. He did not get that job after the election and even though the fall out from the current crisis may create a vacancy there it is unlikely to be offered to him. In its current state of crisis and approaching what will be an extraordinarily troubled party conference, the Conservatives will need the experienced soother of brows to remain in

The NCOs in the damage limitation squad, sent out to wriggle on the government's behalf under interviewers' probing, were Tim Smith, MP for Beaconsfield and a Central Office fund-raiser, and John Watts, the deep baritone chair-man of the Commons Trea-Surv committee.

charge at Smith Square.

Having borne the stripes of their seniors through the crisis, they will surely receive their reward in due course, provided there is some Tory party silver left to inherit.

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## Dealers dig in for another day's chaos

dealing room of Smith New as the 8.30am opening of the markets approached. The market makers were bracing themselves for another volatile day of trading in UK

equities.

After a night of specula-tion over interest rates and the devaluation of the pound, it's all utter confusion," one dealer shouted as he ran to one of five flashing computer screens. "What the hell are our advisers meant to tell people — to buy or sell? It's chaos, utter chaos."

There was frenzied shouting and sprinting across the room as scores of dealers in striped shirts and sharp haircuts expressed euphoria at the FTSE Index opening 100 up on Wednesday's close of

At 9.30am rates were cut to 10 per cent and a chorus of nervous laughter was followed by computers flashing blue, green and red. "Listen

IN THE MARKETPLACE

Kate Alderson joins the sharp-witted decision makers who ply their lucrative trade in the City's dealing rooms

with a grin, a telephone in one hand and a wagging finger pointed at his junior colleagues. "We've got to think about where we were in the beginning, because now we haven't gone anywhere." Glued to their screens, a few of them managed a halfhearted smile.

Dealers jumped up and down from their seats, two phones clamped to their faces, frantically buying shares as their value went

After 20 sweaty minutes the atmosphere had calmed. This has been the most difficult morning of my life," Justin Law, a market maker in paper and packaging, said. John Surridge, 29, a market maker in utilities, said: "It's

just like after the general election today - prices are all over the place. I sometimes wonder why I do this but to be honest it's in the blood. It can be the worst job in the world, and then some days it can be

the best."

Many of the 100 market makers are from east London or Essex and began their working life in the City at 17, with no knowledge of the markets. They learnt on the job and moved up the career dder until they became dealers and began to earn big

"The money is a huge attraction," said Jonathan Christie, a market maker in engineering and manufacturing. "But it's a cut-throat

The rewards for making split-second decisions and reacting instantly to move-ments in the markets are not only a large basic salary, but a bonus calculated at the end of the year that can cover the price of a new Porsche. But no one at Smith New Court would say how much they had

earned this week. "Put it this way, I think I earn my money on days like this," said Steve Curry, 29, a market maker in banks and a former electrician. "Today's a very different day, very exciting. I'm a bit short, we all are but it's still exciting. It's early days yet and we've still got the French referendum to come."

CORRECTION

Surrey Executive Job club telephone number is 0483 750558 and not that given in a report on Septem-

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# **Euro-sceptic Lamont** led astray by his Treasury advisers

By Mary Ann Sieghart

#### CHANCELLOR

tive leadership, Norman duty bound to offer him another cabinet post.

The other advantage Mr Lamont has is that a number of his very close friends, going back to undergraduate days, sit alongside him in cabinet. When at Cambridge, his circle consisted of Michael Howard (environment secretary), Kenneth Clarke (home secretary). John Gummer (agriculture minister). Sir Norman Fowler (party chairman) and Sir Leon Brittan (now a European commissioner). The first two are potential successors should



Mr Lamont resign, but out of personal loyalty they are un-

#### Portillo enforces sacrosanct limits

BY PETER RIDDELL

The first meeting yesterday afternoon of the new cabinet committee on public spending was naturally overshadowed by the aftermath of the decision to suspend sterling's membership of the exchange rate mechanism, but the political and economic implications are almost as great.

JUST one day after Michael Heseltine challenged Marga-

ref Thatcher for the Conserva-

Lamont was addressing the

Euro-sceptical Bruges group

on the dangers of European

union. Of those who sit

around the cabinet table, he is

one of the least enamoured of

Europe. It is unfortunate and

ironic, then, that his reput-

ation has been impaled upon

a policy for which he has never

been able to summon up much instinctive enthusiasm.

Yesterday Downing Street insisted that the Chancellor would not resign. The prime minister praised Mr Lamont

for the "speed and courage" of

his reactions. The Chancellor's cabinet colleagues rallied round. He could still be forced

out by backbench pressure or a

further financial crisis, but he

has two great political

advantages. One is that, in every detail of economic policy, Mr Major has backed him. Indeed, Mr

Lamont has done little more

in the past two years than enact the economic policy bequeathed to him by his predecessor. The current de-

bacle is as much the fault of

Mr Major as of Mr Lamont. If

Mr Lamont has to resign as Chancellor, the prime minis-

Each past devaluation of the pound has been accompanied by curbacks in public spend-ing plans, which produced bitter Cabinet arguments in 1967-8 and in 1976. The state of the economy is weaker this time, but there will be no scope to relax fiscal policy. Indeed, Whitehall officials were yesterfiscal and monetary policy to

keep inflation down. Faced with a sharp rise in public sector borrowing, large-ly caused by the length of the recession, the cabinet decided in late July to introduce a new system of spending controls. This involved treating the existing spending figures for later years as firm upper limits rather than aspirations. In previous years, the aim was to get as near as possible to the agreed target, though it was usually missed by a few billion pounds. But now the limit is

Secondly, a new ministerial committee, under the chairmanship of Norman Lamont, the Chancellor, and consisting of senior ministers such as Michael Heseltine, the president of the board of trade, Kenneth Clarke, the home secretary, and Lord Wakeham, the leader of the Lords, has been established to

decide on the allocation of spending. This will in practice spending claims are to be financed. This system will largely replace the previous bilateral negotiations between the Treasury and spending

Michael Portillo, the Chief Secretary to the Treasury, has been holding talks with spend-ing ministers this month to reduce the £14 bilion of extra money which they had sought, but this is essentially a prelimi-nary to the deliberations of the

garded as sacrosanct.

likely to precipitate such an event. Michael Heseltine might well calculate that this is not the most propitious time to take over as Chancellor.

Mr Lamont is not a natural political survivor. At heart he is a deeply pessimistic man, full of Scottish gloom. He is also personally rather insecure, hypersensitive to criti-cism and much less resilient than political bruisers such as Nigel Lawson. Even when he is doing well, he craves reassurance. If he felt his world were collapsing around him, he might be tempted simply to give up. Mr Lamont has never had

the commanding presence of Mr Lawson, a shortcoming of which his officials privately complain. He has never exhibited the self-confidence, bordering on arrogance, of his predecessor-but-one. While this might make him more likeable, it has also been a political handicap. Had he had more confidence in his own instincts, he could have challenged his officials. At the Bruges group lunch he said he felt passionately that Britain should retain control of its own economic decisions. It was precisely the loss of that control that led to the sterling

Though Mr Lamont has been at the Treasury for six years, he had never until he was Chancellor had to tackle the management of the economy. As financial secretary, he dealt with taxation. As chief secretary, he ran the minutiae of public spending. When he became Chancellor in November 1990, he was relatively inexperienced in strategies for interest rates, exchange rates and economic growth. So, indeed, was Mr Major, who had only been Chancellor for

just over a year. Mr Lamont felt instinctively that the ERM was an undesirable constraint, but he deferred to the Treasury mandarins who advised him to the contrary. The Treasury has consis-tently misled Mr Lamont and his predecessors for the past five years. Its economic forecasts have been wildly inaccurate. When Mr Lamont arrived, officials failed to see

the recession coming. When it came, they convinced him that it would be short and shallow. quently to make a fool of himself by predicting a recovery that turned out to be a have been killed off by frost too many times to mention.

If Mr Lamont does stay in his job, he must learn from this experience. The Treasury is not always right. More often than not, recently, it has been wrong. The most useful advice he could take is to tear up his Treasury briefs and start



#### Smith uses breathing space to heal divisions on Europe

By JILL SHERMAN, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

Wednesday's meetings before

they made pronouncements

on Labour policy. Sources close to the leadership said that Mr Smith would not

commit the party to support-ing re-entry into the ERM

while the market was in such

turmoil, although he was still

committed in principle to the

tions for re-entry, to put a figure on the level at which

sterling should go back into the ERM, or to put any

One shadow cabinet mem-

ber privately pointed out that

the leadership seemed to have

forgotten the preconditions which the party set before the

government went into the

timescale on the suspension.

Mr Smith and Mr Brown

THE sterling crisis and the events of the past 48 hours have let John Smith off the hook by giving the Labour leader breathing space to sort out divisions within his party on Europe.
Members of the shadow

cabinet such as David Blunkett and Bryan Gould have been criticising the leadership's line on Europe for the past two weeks and calling for a realignment within the ERM or a devaluation of sterling. Others, including Tony Benn and Michael Meacher, have been calling for a referendum on Maastricht. On Monday, Mr Smith warded off an embarrassing confrontation with party rebels by deferring a debate on Europe until meetings of the shadow cabinet and the national executive committee next Wednesday, after the French

referendum. Dennis Skinner has retabled two resolutions for Wednesday's national execucall for a referendum on Maastricht and a complete withdrawal from the ERM. "The last two or three days have been a total and utter defeat for the Euro chattering classes across all parties," he said. "If there is any suggestion of returning to the ERM it will be like a dog returning

to its vomit." Party sources made it clear yesterday that Mr Smith and Mr Brown were awaiting the French referendum and next

LIBERAL Democrats yester-ERM in 1990. However, parday rounded on the prime ty officials argued that it was minister and the Chancellor unrealistic to expect Labour to and demanded a general eleccome up with a firm policy line

and Maastricht could be de-termined by the French referendum. Yesterday Mr Smith and Mr Brown went on to the attack, claiming the government's economic policy was in tatters and pressing for a full statement on an alternative

Speaking in Manchester, Mr Smith called for a radical shift in government policy to restore confidence in industry and get people back to work by investing in industry and training and allowing councils to use capital receipts from house sales. "After the humiliating reversals of yesterday. John Major's government put the final nails in the coffin of its economic policies," he said.

when the future of the ERM

#### Beith demands an early election

tion "to get rid of this discredited and incompetent

Alan Beith, the party's Treasury spokesman, demanded that voters be given an early opportunity to pass judgment on government failures which had brought misery to the

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country. In a rousing speech that earned a rare standing ovation at the Harrogate conference, he said that the economy was in tatters.

Even Conservative voters felt "betrayed that promises made to them have been so dramatically and conspicuously broken. The party that told us it was the only alternative to a sterling crisis has

brought about the mother and father of a sterling crisis." Mr Beith ridiculed John Major and Norman Lamons for not accepting responsi-bility for the crisis and condemned the "breathtaking audacity they show in looking

for someone else to blame". During an emergency de-bate on the economy, the conference said that the government's policy lay in ruins and the country would have to pay for its failures through high interest rates, the effects of economic instability and returning inflation.

Toby Philpott, of Bir-mingham North West, con-demned the breaking up of the ERM as a "thorough disgrace" and called for a return to it within two weeks of Sunday's French referendum on Maastricht.

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#### Hint of optimism in housing market

BY LINDSAY COOK AND RACHEL KELLY

THE return to bank base rates of 10 per cent yesterday re-moved the immediate threat of a large increase in mortgage interest rates and even opened the way for optimism.
The big lenders were look-

ing for more movement and some were hopeful of another cut in base rates that would allow a mortgage rate reduc-tion. David Gilchrist, group general manager at the Halifax, the largest lender, said: There will be a great deal of uncertainty in the next week or

so. We hope that rates will not have to go up and that they may come down. The threat of the damage that would have been done to the housing market by rates of 15 or 12 per cent has receded. The government has shown it is not keen to see key interest

rates at very high levels." Lenders kept their nerve on Wednesday when bank rates were increased by 5 points, and they will not be too quick to respond to any cuts in base rates that take them below 10 of changing mortgage rates. prices down.

Abbey National, the second largest lender, said the return to 10 per cent restored the status quo and removed fears that mortgage payments would rise. However, there are still pres-

sures on the margins. Last month the Skipton, the 14th largest, moved its basic mortgage rate up to 11.25 per cent.
Before this week's rate

changes there was a flicker of hope that the market might be rentrained to life. According to the Halifax, prices have been stabilising with small rises or falls around zero, and the rate of price falls has slowed. In spite of optimism, however, the underlying position has not changed.

Even if rates are cut. analysts do not expect a recovery in prices this year, with most not predicting a real rise until the end of next year. Fears of unemployment, one of the main reasons for the slump, per cent. They will want to be sure that any change will hold remain. So does the stock of before they go to the expense unsold houses that is dragging

#### **Turmoil bolsters** the Euro-sceptics

THE future of the legislation ratifying the Maastricht treaty now looks highly uncertain whatever the result of the French referendum on Sunday (Peter Riddell writes). The official view from Downing Street yesterday was that nothing has changed as a result of Wednesday's events and the decision temporarily to leave the exchange-rate mechanism.

If the French vote against the treaty it will be dead and the British government will, as president of the community. try to give fresh momentum to other business, such as the completion of the single market, the Gatt round trade talks. and closer inter-governmental co-operation on foreign, sec-

unity and justice issues. If the French vote in favour of the treaty the government's intention is to proceed with ratification. The agreement was approved in principle by a large Commons majority in December and the ratification bill was overwhelmingly backed on its second reading in May. The start of the committee stage had to be abandoned because of the

result of the Danish refe-

rendum. Ministers were hop-

ing that if the French voted in favour of the treaty they then might be able to test the temperature of parliamentary opinion with the "paving" debate. This will be a general debate on policy towards the EC and the treaty, as promised by the prime minister after the Danish referendum. But both the withdrawal of sterling from the ERM and the circumstances leading up

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to the decision have strength-

ened the hands of the opponents of the treaty, the selfstyled Euro-sceptics.

In the present Tory mood of criticism of the EC, there is likely to be little enthusiasm for the lengthy debates required to approve the treaty. Government business managers may also be reluctant to confront a significant group of their own MPs when confi-

dence is fragile.

John Smith, the Labour leader, is under increasing pressure to take advantage of the government's divisions and weakness over the bill although Labour is split on the



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# Europe is no longer the magic magnet for new members

FEW people doubt that the and monetary union. "All this attraction of the European has made everyone rather Community for countries applying for membership has been tarnished. Opinion polls have not yet reacted to the turbulence in the exchangerate mechanism, but pollsters in Scandinavia expect a marked decline in support for membership, while Eastern Europe is looking with alarm at the disruption in the West. Britain insists that enlarge-

ment of the Community remains a priority of its presidency. Officials say there is no reason to postpone the opening of negotiations with Finland, Sweden and Austria.

So far there have been no calls from the governments of applicant countries to postpone negotiations. But Britain expects that applicants will want to consider the implications of the strain on the ERM and the future of economic

nervous," one official said. If France voted "no" in Sunday's Maastricht treaty referendum, there was likely to be a pause to take stock of the implica-tions before any other Community business could be resumed, he said.

The realignment of currencies has been followed most closely in Scandinavia. Jan Berg. a researcher at the Swedish opinion polling firm Sifo, said the events would strengthen opposition to the Community. When the Swedish people sense danger coming from abroad, their first instinct is to look inward." he said. The most recent Sifo poll, taken in mid-August, indicated 32 per cent favouring a Swedish EC membership, 43 opposed and 28 per

In Norway, which has not

The turmoil over exchange rates is giving prospective European Community nations cause to think again, writes Michael Binyon, diplomatic editor

yet decided to apply for mem-bership, public opinion is confused by the currency crisis.

Despite Norway's decision several years ago to link the krone to the ERM, it still sees all the Nordic currencies as peripheral in Europe. Norwegian attention is concentrated more on the French referendum, which is seen as crucial to the future development of

the Community.
Such countries as Poland, Hungary and Czechoslovakia. with more distant prospects of EC membership, have barely been affected by the ERM decisions. But their governments will be deeply worried

by any weakening of the Community's cohesion, since they see it as an anchor of stability for the rest of Europe. Britain was at pains yesterday to give the impression that its presidency of the Community has not been blown off course by the ERM troubles. "Life continues." an official

no" vote in France would be to free negotiations on enlargement from the precondition set at the Lisbon summit that Maastricht had first to be ratified in all member states. Britain must still first broker agreement at the Edinburgh

An immediate result of a

Britain bales out as others queue to join - Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung summit on the "Delors pack-age" on the future financing of

the Community. But officials

said yesterday that Britain

would press for an opening of

talks as soon as possible. "The

Lisbon conditions were laid

down when there seemed to be no problems with ratifying Maastricht," one said. "We will argue that they cannot now be held up until late spring" - the earliest Den-

mark can vote in a new

referendum. Community for-New York on Monday to discuss the results of the French referendum. The government has already made contingency plans for results either way, and Douglas Hurd, the foreign secretary. will go on the offensive to promote swift EC action on Gatt, further co-operation over Yugoslavia and the Middle East and intensified consultations on sensitive issues such

as immigration.
One obstacle to any speedy admission of new members is possible increased opposition from France and Spain, which are wariest of enlarging the EC without first consolidating its structures. At Maastricht, the opposition of countries such as Spain was diluted by promises of a bigger "cohe-sion" fund. But if the treaty collapses, agreement on how large that should be will be that much more difficult to negotiate.

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#### British charge rejected

## Waigel stung by blame heaped on Bundesbank

FROM IAN MURRAY IN BONN

GERMAN politicians and bankers yesterday angrily rejected British claims that the Bundesbank had created the EC's exchange rate crisis by undermining confidence in

European Monetary System. "I think it is unjust to try to blame the Germans. That is simply not correct." Theo Waigel, the finance minister told journalists. "I think everyone would do well to analyse themselves what should be done in their own house. I do not think much of apportioning blame, but I reject attempts to blame us."

weaker currencies within the

Nevertheless, tough criticism has begun to emerge from some senior German commentators about the way the central bank has handled the crisis. On Monday it was accused of compromising its independence after agreeing to cut interest rates in ex-change for a devaluation of

Yesterday even the staid Frankfurier Allgemeine Zeitung complained that the bank appeared to be increas- widespread pleas for a further

not look very convincing," the paper said. Showing some sympathy for the British government, the paper said that it had done everything it could to push down inflation and keep a check on money supply but the point had come where it was more honourable to give

up and let the market decide. The left of centre Frankfurter Rundschau accused Helmut Schlesinger, the

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Bundesbank president, of failing to react calmly in the currency crisis and of "fan-ning the flames" by his

"Comments like this do not look very credible. The same is true of the demonstrative thanks poured on (Herr) Waigel for his help in arranging the lira's realignment."

Obviously stung by such comments, the Bundesbank central council sought to prove its independence yesterday when it met and ignored ingly confused. "This all does cut in interest rates now that

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sterling, the lira and the peseta had been forced to devalue. This was exactly what Herr Schlesinger wanted in an interview which precipitated Wednesday's run on the pound. Not only did the bank leave the rate unaltered but it cancelled the usual post-counpress conference and refused even to comment on the

One bank official said anonmously later, however: "The hunt for a scapegoat is in fact something which always happens in times of crisis, although everyone would do better to put their own house in order first."

Her Waigel was visibly relieved yesterday morning that the Bundesbank would no longer have to go on buying weak pounds and lira with strong marks in order to prop up the two weak currencies inside the ERM. "Even with extensive intervention on the exchange markets it was no longer possible to hold these two currencies within the official rate," he said.

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Leading player. Helmut Kohl throws a ball during the annual children's party held in Bonn by the German chancelfor. Yesterday his colleagues denied that the Bundesbank was to blame for the exchange-rate crisis

#### Madrid endorses 5% cut in peseta

FROM EDWARD OWEN IN MADRID

CARLOS Solchaga, the Spanish economics minister, has defended his government's decision to devalue the peseta by 5 per cent and reaffirmed its commitment to the exchange-rate mechanism and the Maastricht treaty.

Speaking in the lower house of the Cortes in Madrid yesterday, he said that after Spain had seen how the pound and the lira had suffered before their withdrawal from the ERM the Spanish authorities had devalued to avoid an increase in interest rates and a big fall in the peseta's value.

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The intervention of the Bank of Spain had been limited, thus saving currency reserves. Analysts predict that infla-tion in Spain will rise by an additional percentage point, exports will be cheaper, imports, including oil, dearer and tourism hardly affected by

the yesterday's devaluation. Felipe González, the Span-ish prime minister, said yesterday in Berlin before returning to Madrid from a meeting of the Socialist International that Spain still firmly supports Maastricht's objectives. Those objectives "must continue to be maintained," he said. He added that "absolute rigidity" was not vital and that that there had to be some give and take, pointing out that one of the Maastricht objectives was to prevent the sort of "turbulence and speculation" of the past few days.

The move was generally welcomed in the Spanish financial sector where a devaluation had been expected. "The Bank of Spain has done it very well." one analyst said. "The devaluation is small and there is no need to change the monetary policy and the pese-

ta stays within the EMS." Fernando Panizo, secretary general for tourism, said: "The devaluation will have positive effects in the short term on the

## Bérégovoy wields pound's plight to defend Maastricht

FROM CHARLES BREMNER IN PARIS

FRENCH leaders brandished the plight of the pound yesterday as a warning of a fate that could befall France as mainstream politicians and the press appealed to voters to put aside their grievances and vote 'yes" for Europe in Sunday's referendum.

News of the monetary tempest was slow to penetrate the Maastricht debate in France because the franc remains one of Europe's stronger currencies and attention has been more focused on the cancer that has suddenly east doubt on the future of President Mitterrand.

However. Pierre Bérégovoy. the prime minister, and other leaders quickly seized the political implications. "If France votes 'no', the EMS will enter a crisis," he said. "I do not want to exercise any pressure on the consciences of the French, but I do not want them to say they have not been

Like every event touching on Maastricht, the crisis was interpreted in diametrically op-posing ways. While Le Monde, the government and market commentators saw it as perfect proof of the need to move to a single currency. opponents of the treaty greeted it as testimony to the

Charles Pasqua, one of the two Gaullist champions for rejection, said the devaluation showed that the existing system was superior to a single currency. Opponents seized on a statement by Michel Sapin, the finance minister, which hailed the strength of the franc "The franc is in the group of the most solid currencies of the EMS. In the future, its value can only appreciate." The French central bank, however, did intervene during trading yesterday to keep the

franc firm. Politicians and public were still absorbing the implica-tions of M Mitterrand's prostate cancer, with some openly accusing him of revealing his condition on the eve of the referendum to gain electoral advantage. The centrist Re-

the UDF, asked why the announcement had not been held until after the vote. In typically incendiary fash-ion, Jean-Marie Le Pen, the leader of the far-right Nat-

national television debate when he insisted that he had proof that "the president's operation was timed to suit the campaign". A group of left-wing anti-Maastricht leaders walked out of the television studio in protest as M Le Pen went on to exchange insults with Elisabeth Gigou, the European Affairs minister, and with Bernard Kouchner, minister for humanitarian

Although M Mitterrand insists that he is fit and has "not even thought about leaving". speculation is intense that he may announce plans to retire soon after the referendum. whatever its outcome. Several newspapers jumped the gun yesterday, saying the cam-paign for his succession had effectively opened. While the media welcomed the new found openness with which the presidency has treated M Mitterrand's ailment, medical experts questioned whether the whole truth had been



FRANCE publican Party, a division of

ional Front, outraged politi-cians on both sides in a

disclosed.

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#### Taxes up, spending down to rally lira

FROM JOHN PHILLIPS

ITALY'S cabinet yesterday ap-proved a draconian 1993 budget of spending cuts and tax increases worth 93,000 billion lire (£42.3 billion) to restore confidence in the lira as the Bank of Italy closed official foreign exchange mar-kets until after the French referendum on Maastricht.

Giuliano Amato, the Socialist prime minister, unveiled what he called "provisions

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giving great relief of great magnitude in one of the most difficult situations in which Italy has ever found itself". The budget consisted of measures designed to cut spending by some 43,000 billion lire and raise revenue by about 49,000 billion lire, including 7.000 billion from privatisation, Signor Amato said. He indicated the government would hold a vote of confidence on the budget and associated economic reforms and resign if the package was

rejected by parliament. 'We Italians must restore our faith in ourselves and restore the faith in our country and our currency of those who watch us from abroad," he said. "The life of the government is entrusted to this manoeuvre." He said he was

manocuvre." He said he was confident the package would soon bring about "the recovery of credibility in our currency".

Emilio Colombo, the foreign minister, called for an emergency European Community summit after the referendum in France. "We will see what the result of the French referendum is and then there must be a summit to weigh up the results and to restore immediate monetary discipline as quickly as possible," he said. The meeting should be held before the EC summit

set for December, he said. The Bank of Italy closed Italy's official exchange rate yesterday morning until Tuesday to protect the currency from speculation as the French vote on Maastricht approaches. Earlier the lira was suspended from the EC's currency grid. The central bank told the EC monetary committee it would not intervene until Tuesday to keep the lira above its new ERM floor. fixed on Sunday when the Italian currency was devalued by 7 per cent. The last time Italy closed financial markets was in 1976, amid fears that the Communist party would

form a government.
The lira lost ground against the German mark and the dollar in unofficial trading before the budget announce-ment yesterday but share val-ues on the Milan stock exchange rose by 3.74 per cent in anticipation of the package to recover much of the 5 per cent slide in values on Wednesday. The lira oscillated between 840 and 850 lire to the mark at noon yesterday, compared with the official fixing of \$14.8 on Wednesday. Sterling fell to 2197 lira from 2252.50 lire.

The prime minister an nounced cuts in Italy's "golden" pension system. Payment of all new pensions other than those for old age were blocked with immediate effect until the end of next year. A new law to reform the state pension structure would be bolstered to make the minimum retirement age 65 instead of 60 for men and 60 instead of 55 for

women, Signor Amato said.
National health spending also was slashed, with pay ment required for drugs and medical assistance for every one with an annual income of 40 million lire (£18.000).

#### Supermarkets withdraw suspect cooked meat as a precaution after public health warning

## Labour urges enquiry into infected pork

By Alison Robert

THE Labour party called for an immediate investigation into toxin-infected pork yesterday after the health department issued a warning to the public not to eat the contami-

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nated produce.

The cooked meat, sold in supermarkets across the country, was produced by Baron Meats of Wisbech, Cambridgeshire, who discovered an unidentifiable organism in the meat five weeks ago.

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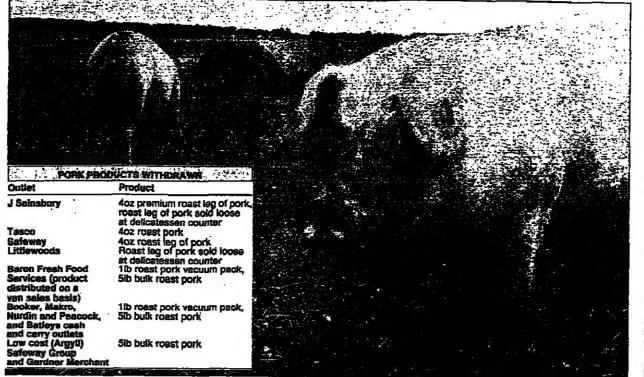
The firm's parent company, Hazlewood Foods, said last night that it had called in investigators from the Camden Food Research Association, who recognised the organism which causes botulism food poisoning two days ago. Simon Wookey, company spokesman, said: "Only preroasted pork is at risk. There is no risk to frozen pork, sausage rolls, bacon or ham." The

contamination had been discovered when the company used new tests. Nigel Griffiths, shadow con-

sumer affairs minister, said:
The health department must carry out an enquiry to determine how the meat came to be infected, when this was known, whether there were any delays in informing the public, and what steps are recommended to all meat processors to ensure there is no recurrence of this elsewhere."

There have been no reports of illness caused by the pork, but supermarkets have withdrawn all packets produced by the company "as a precaution"

The government has warned the public not to eat products sold at certain named outlets, to destroy open packets of the produce and to organ return unopened goods to the



Danger list: the products taken off supermarket shelves. The source of the contamination is still unknown

point of purchase. The health department was told that "indications of pre-formed Clostridium Botulinium toxin" were present in uncured cooked pork products by Baron Meats, who had traced the organism in routine quality control tests.

Meanwhile, police in London were called to track down a party of French students whose lunch boxes had been packed with potentially contaminated pork sandwiches. A police patrol, alerted by an all-points bulletin, found the tourists near Marble Arch

and seized the sandwiches. The onset of illness caused by the botulism organism usually occurs between 18 and 36 hours after eating a contaminated meal, but can be delayed by up to eight days. Symptoms are sudden and include vomiting, diarrhoea

and eventual paralysis. Medical treatment must be sought urgently and the patient treated with anti-toxins.

Yesterday, Baron Meats was still trying to establish how the contamination occurred and exactly how many outlets were involved.

# Deadly bacterium that is easily killed

BOTULISM outbreaks in manufactured foods are rare in Britain but deadly and expensive when they occur (Alison Roberts writes).

Clostridium botulinum is an unusual bacterium that is easily killed by less harmful organisms. The bacterium remains dormant when in contact with the air and becomes active only when vacuum-packed. Cooked meats are notorious for contamination—last year 21 per cent were considered in need of investigation—so, if present, the bacteria rarely survive.

However, botulism is the most dangerous natural poison produced by creatures. One gram can kill between 100,00 and ten million people. Victims are paralysed by the toxin that the bug produces, rather than the bacterium itself.

bacterium itself.

Botulism can infect food after processing or when the procedure goes wrong. If other bacteria are killed during processing but heating procedures are faulty, botulism can

survive undetected.

The last big botulism scare was in June 1989 when hazel-

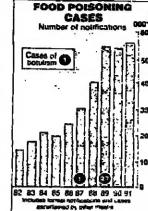
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nut yoghurt was infected with contaminated puree. An elderly woman died and 2o people were taken to hospital with severe food poisoning. Supermarkets say it took more than six months before hazelnut yoghurt was again bought in normal quantities.

bought in normal quantities.
The Institute of Food Research in Reading, Berkshire, is establishing a data base for manufacturers to check processes. The system will evaluate laboratory tests and deliver a safety verdict in minutes.



# England rugby star cleared of GBH

A rugby player capped 23 times for England was cleared yesterday of causing grievous bodily harm to an opponent in a "friendly" club match. Gary Rees, 32, sobbed outside Kingston Crown Court, southwest London, as he was hugged by his parents and his girl friend. Mr Rees, a financial adviser, of Kegworth, Leicestershire, said that he had never condoned violence.

The prosecution had alleged that Stefan Marty, a physical training instructor playing for London Irish against Nottingham last January, was deliberately punched from behind by Mr Rees after a line-out. Mr Marty, 31, suffered a compound fracture of the jaw, had to have two teeth removed and a metal plate inserted. He was put on a liquid diet, lost 201b and has not played since.

Mr Rees had told the jurors, who took 32 hours to consider their verdict, that Mr Marty had fouled him continuously in the match. Mr Rees, a 16st flanker, decided to draw the referee's attention to the obstruction by "barging" him to the ground with a "sweeping motion" from his right arm. Judge Baker said that although rugby involved a lot of physical contact, "the law of our country does not stop at the touch-line".

Mr Rees's solicitor, Neville Radeliffe, a vice president of Nottingham Rugby Football Chab, said outside the court that the player and club had expressed their sympathy to Mr Marty days after the incident. "The proper place for genuine sporting disputes to be resolved is within the auspices of the sporting authorities," Mr Radeliffe said.

#### Fire bomb attacks

Scotland Yard's anti-terrorist branch was yesterday investigating fire bomb attacks at Madame Tussaud's, the London Planetarium and the Imperial War Museum. The devices exploded on Wednesday night. Waxworks of the bodysnatchers Burke and Hare in Tussaud's Chamber of Horrors were seriously damaged. The attacks on tourist attractions mirror past fire-bombings in central London by the IRA. As firemen dealt with the attack at Tussaud's, a second device went off near by at the Planetarium, in south London, started in the lower basement floor near a display on trench warfare. Minor damage was caused.

#### Mellor will not testify

David Mellor, the heritage secretary, will not be called to give evidence in the libel case brought by Mona Bauwens, daughter of a leading PLO member. Mrs Bauwens is seeking damages from Mirror Group Newspapers, publishers of *The People*, claiming that an article about a holiday she took with the Mellor family at the time Iraq invaded Kuvait branded her a social leper. Philip Windsor, reader in International Relations at the London School of Economics, yesterday said PLO support had strengthened Saddam Hussein's hand diplomatically. He said it would be over-simplistic and naive to describe the PLO as a terrorist organisation. The case continues today.

#### Judge fights road plan



Britain's most senior woman judge, Dame Elizabeth Butler-Sloss, left, yesterday gave evidence at a public enquiry to try to prevent a dual carriageway being built close to her home at Marsh Green, Devon. Dame Elizabeth, 59, a Court of Appeal judge, said: "You cannot go on ruining rural life just because people want to get from A to B as fast as they can."

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#### Garden tools warning

Gardeners are being offered dangerous power tools for hire that could maim or kill, Gardening from Which says. A survey by the magazine found that many hire shops seldom gave the right advice on how to use tools safely. A third of power saws and hedgetrimmers had serious safety drawbacks because of poor maintenance or outdated design. Since a similar survey in 1990, however, more shops are keeping their tools in good condition and more are offering protective clothing.

#### PC faces retrial

An Old Bailey judge yesterday ordered the retrial of a policeman accused of planting drugs on a black car mechanic. Judge Parker, QC, discharged a jury unable to agree after nearly five hours. It had been told that Rupert Taylor, 32, of Notting Hill, west London, had been arrested by PC David Judd, 36, for having cannabis, and had been acquitted after saying it had been planted on him. PC Judd, of Ruislip, northwest London, denies doing acts tending or intended to pervert the course of justice.



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# Fishing crew escape after line snagged by US submarine snaps

BY KERRY GILL

THE skipper of a fishing boat away as luckily as we did. We snapped and saved him and his six crew from drowning after the American nuclearpowered submarine USS Sturgeon caught his nets as he was trawling in the North Channel, between Scotland and Northern Ireland.

Paul Johnson said his boat, the Lupina, was dragged astern and he feared it would be pulled under the water. "I thought we had snagged our nets on the bottom." he said. "But once we started to move backwards I knew something

"We were flying through the water at a powerful rate of knots and were starting to be pulled under. When I jumped from the wheelhouse down to the side deck the water was up to my waist and I had to pull myself through it to get to the crew accommodation to warn them. If the wires hadn't snapped under the pressure it would have been all over in a matter of seconds and we wouldn't be here. It is a disgrace that the fishing grounds where we try to make a living are dangerous for trawlermen because these guys want to play games

"It will happen again and I just hope the next crew get

were within one minute of another Antares tragedy."

After the incident, the Sturgeon was able to manoeuvre using an auxiliary propulsion system but had to be towed into the naval base at Faslane. Strathclyde. US navy person-nel, aided by a British team. were sent to the scene and the Lupina was able to return to its home port of Kilkeel in Northern Ireland under its own

The US Navy has launched an enquiry into the accident. It is less than two years since the submarine HMS Trenchant sank the Scottish trawler Antares off Arran in the Firth of Clyde, with the loss of four

After the sinking of the Antares, regulations ordered that submarines should keep 4.000 yards away from fishing boats when underwater and 1,500 yards away when operating at periscope depth. Last night, it was still unclear whether the Sturgeon was submerged or at periscope depth when it hit the nets. Its position at the time of the incident, late on Wednesday night, will form part of the

Lieutenant Kate Bankier, speaking from Faslane, said the Lupina had been working in a zone that had been notified as a submarine operating area. She said the Sturgeon immediately surfaced to check that all was well with the fishing vessel and her crew.

Lt Bankier said the Lupina should have received information that the area was being used for a submarine exercise Regulations stated that such information had to be broad-cast every six hours with a 12hour update. But she said the Lupina had every right to be in the area and the onus was on the submarine to keep a lookout for fishing vessels

George Foulkes, Labour's defence spokesman and presi-dent of Clyde Fishermen's Association, last night demanded a ban on submarines recognised fishing areas. "Until they stop submarine exercises totally in fishing areas, fishermen will not be safe," he said.

I am calling on them again to agree now to stop all submerged activity in recog-nised fishing areas." Dick James, of the Northern

Ireland Fish Producers' Association, said he would be telling the Royal Navy in strong terms that their procedures for avoiding fishing vessels were deficient, and the association would be claiming for the damaged nets.



Labour of love: Peter O Toole with Tara Fitzgerald, who plays opposite him in Our Song, which opens at the Apollo Theatre, London, on November 3. The play, about a doomed affair, is adapted by Keith Waterhouse from his novel

#### **Producers** protest at BBC time limits

BY MELINDA WITTSTOCK MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

THE breadth and quality of BBC documentaries and factual series are threatened by a stringent new staffing formula that imposes the same strict production time limits on all programmes within a genre regardless of their content. BBC programme department heads and producers have disclosed.

As BBC management met vesterday to agree about £80 million of cuts over two years in non-programme making overheads and about 1,250 job losses, BBC producers said that programme budgets were being dictated by a "network staffing model". The system was devised by Jane Drabble, assistant managing director of BBC Tele-vision, and sets out strict staffing levels and time limits

per programme type. Salaries will now be paid directly out of programme budgets, effectively turning many BBC pro gramme-makers into freelances no longer paid between projects.

Programme-makers that the new rules, modelled on staffing levels of lowerbudget series such as Everyman, will threaten investigative journalism, particularly programmes taking more than a year to research.

Andrew Neal, who resigned last week as head of the BBC natural history unit, said the scheme was "a bizarre and unnecessary bit of bureaucracy" that could also threaten some highly acclaimed natural history programmes. "De-partment heads should be trusted to spend money wise-ty. If we're irresponsible with money we should be fired; if we deliver good programmes on budget we should be left to

get on with it." Cuts being announced today should free more money for programme-making. But one editor said that BBC managers were naive to believe that crude measures of productivity, which might work in a biscuit factory, could be applied to pro-gramme-making. Some films take two weeks to make. others take more than a year."

Ms Drabble, who drew up David Carpenter, said that the staffing model was just a tool for calculating budgets. "It is up to programme-makers to decide how to spend those budgets. There is some flexibility. This is a guide, a very useful starting point." Jonathan Powell, BBC1 controller, said the staffing model was an effort to use staff more efficiently. Mr Neal said that many

talented people would go without pay while waiting to see if their programme had been commissioned.

NEWS IN BRIEF Sex game killer

iailed A man who choked his friend to death in a homosexual

bondage session was jailed for three years yesterday.
Frank Reilly, 44, regularly encouraged James Dutty, 61, to tie him up and knot electric flex around his neck, the Old Bailey was told. One session went wrong when Duffy, the husband of Reilly's ex-wife, was drunk and tied the flex too

Hubert Dunn, QC, for Duffy, said: "Reitly liked the idea of being bound up and of sex with pain and humiliation." Duffy, of Canning Town, east London, admitted man-slaughter. His plea of not guilty to murder was accepted.

#### Drug prince

A member of the Kuwaiti ruy-al family who admitted pos-sessing drugs was given a con-ditional discharge after Horse-lerry Road court in London was told that he was distressed after seeing his father shot during the Iraqi invasion. Prince Dhari Fahad Al-Sabah. 20, had 21 small bags of cannabis when police stopped him last month.

Murder charge

David Chopping, 34, of Nottingham, was remanded in custody by the city's magistrates accused of murdering Brian Claydon, 59, of Melton Mowbray. Leicestershire. Mr Claydon's body was found at Nottingham Midland rail station on Sunday.

#### Grave error

An elderly woman awoke from a nap at her home in Barnby Dun, South Yorkshire, to find that a policewoman checking her welfare had reported her death and was awaiting an undertaker.

#### Birth setback

The Israeli government has blocked a plan for six British women to give birth among dolphins in the Red Sea. The women will instead give birth in plastic pools at a Jerusalem

#### Minibus crash

Ten people were injured, two seriously, when a minibus thought to be carrying students overturned on the M4 near Cardiff.

#### Flying chance

John Hickinbottom, a flying instructor, is offering 40 free lessons to anyone who will buy his £190,000 house in the Malvern Hills near Hereford.

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# Money talks, but sometimes it needs an interpreter.

#### Liberal Democrats at Harrogate: a divided conference overshadowed by the sterling crisis

## Ashdown attacks 'worthless pledges' to the electorate

Liberalism in moderation

THE government is living on borrowed time after the col-Paddy Ashdown said yester-day. The pledges of John Major were now worthless and Norman Lamont was a "man of straw".

In his speech at the close of the party conference, the Liberal Democrat leader stopped short of demanding either the heads of the prime minister or his Chancellor, or an early general election, for fear of further undermining confidence in sterling. But he said: "They will be held to account for what they have done. For the moment, our first concern must be for those who are the victims of their

His speech focused on the options facing Mr Major and the "lack of leadership" afflicting the government and Lab-our alike. "Our party conference ends in the middle of one of the most serious crises in our modern history: a crisis not just of currencies and the economy, not just for Britain and Europe, but a crisis of confidence in our entire system of government itself," he said

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Ashdown: winding up conference yesterday

prime minister are worthless, that the Chancellor of the Exchequer is a man of straw. small wonder that they feel

He warned the prime minister that, unless Britain could recover and rediscover the will

LIBERAL Democrats were

warned against abusing the

employment rights of cater-

ing staff by late-night socialising at their next con-

ference (Arthur Leathley

Tony Skelton, chairman of

the Association of Liberal

Democrat Trade Unionists.

said that, during this week's

to invest and build for the long term, it was in grave danger of chief fears was that the currency crisis would bring about a slipping into permanent ecototal rejection of closer European co-operation and a re-Mr Ashdown promised the government his party's short-term support if Mr Major turn to isolationism, racism and right-wing fanaticism.

made a full statement on Mr Ashdown left the confergovernment strategy, conence satisfied that he had won firmed an early re-entry into the ERM and allowed the the party's authority for the pursuit of his idea of promot-ing a pluralist form of politics through informal contacts with other parties and the Bank of England to act as an independent central bank. Many representatives had looked for a stronger condem-nation of Mr Major and a uncommitted, but with objections to a formal courtship of Labour ringing in his ears. He devoted less of his demand for an early election.

speech than usual to attacking nalists he wanted to put the Labour because, he said, it was at a crossroads and must political implications to one side for the time being.

In his speech he said the decide whether to be a force government had offered comfor or an obstacle to change. His supporters departed knowing that their fate deplacency rather than action, and inertia instead of leaderpended almost entirely on which course Labour takes. ship. "From this moment onwards, this government is on ☐ John Major wrote to Mr

Later Mr Ashdown told jour-

conference, members drink-

ing late into the evening had

consistently given bar and restaurant staff no choice but

Calling on members to

practise what they preach",

he said there should be no

repeat at the party's 1993

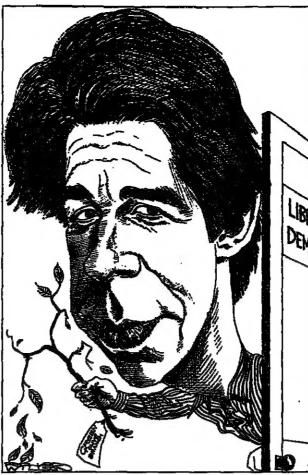
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work extra hours.

Ashdown yesterday, rejecting his call for inter-party talks on the economy, although he said he would be happy to meet Mr Ashdown before next Thursday's Commons debate for a private discussion.

As he left the conference the Liberal Democrat leader said that Mr Major's response indicates his misreading of mood and his complacency"

Currency crisis, pages 2-4 Matthew Parris, page 18



Peace offering Jonathon Porritt, the former chairman of the Green party. unexpectedly addressed the conference yesterday, urg-ing Liberal Democrats to take advantage of the split within the Green movement (Arthur Leathley writes). He welcomed the decision taken on Wednesday to talk to other parties.

and said that the Liberal Democrats should take the opportunity offered by "the political vacuum elsewhere in the Green political scene". The Green party is recovering from a dispute at its recent party confer-ence which led to the resignation of Sara Parkin as chairman of the party's executive committee

## Slow down, you're going too fast

Delegates reined in the leadership. Robin Oakley writes. But they failed to answer the question: "Where do we go from here?



he Liberal Democrats left Harrogate yesterday still suffering from a mild case of schizophrenia after a scratchy week over-shadowed by economic

Much of the week was spent deciding whether their future lies as a pressure group, a sort of think tank with MPs, or as a full-blown party seeking power. And if they opt for the latter, do they seek deals with someone else as a halfway house?

Paddy Ashdown wants to nudge them along the path towards simultaneous cooperation and competition. so-called pluralist politics. There is little doubt that he hopes for Labour to achieve electability and then to be able to do a deal with John Smith. But delegates streamed to the rostrum in the anguished debates on the party's future to insist that there could be no pacts with Labour. They fear loss

of their identity.

As Lindsay Granshaw, rapporteur of Sunday's talk-in, put it: "Some felt that Labour was too rotten, corrupt and self-seeking to be worth talking to at all." But Mr Ashdown was given the freedom at least to start a

dialogue with others.

The other paradox is that while Mr Ashdown is looking wistfully towards cooperation with Labour, the Liberal Democrat leadership was under fire for moving too far to the freemarket right. The Challenge, Opportunity and Responsibility policy docu-ment pushed by Mr Ashdown survived only by 13 votes. And there was a string of reverses for the platform on issues ranging from prostitution to hunting. There was a slight ference, a touch of "We'll

When David Steel led the Liberals, a more radical party was always pushing him on policy. Under the restless, perpetual-motion Mr Ashdown, it is the party which seems to want the leadership to slow down, to establish a new identity "calmly and cautiously" as the party president, Charles Kennedy, put it in what looked like the gentlest of warnings to his leader.

It was a letting off steam conference. In the run-up to the election the fringe-issue merchants had allowed themselves to be muzzled. This year the leadership allowed the activists free

rein. It was a little more like the old Liberal party. A number of speakers had to correct themselves from "fellow Liberals" to "fellow Liberal Democrats".

There was nothing depressed about this conference, however. The Liberal Democrats have the kind of stickability which enables obsessionals with different hobbies to construct models

discarded pipe cleaners.

They admit that they did not do as well in April as they had expected ten days before the end of the election campaign. They were disappointed to return to Westminster with two MPs fewer than at the start of

But they make the com-parison with two years before the election when, after the trauma of the Alliance break-up, they had sunk to 4 per cent in the polls and appeared destined for oblivion. They have, according to polls, the most popular leader. And since they have done better in the past at picking up by elections under Tory governments than under Labour, there is confident talk already of doing so again,

N one the less, the Liberal Democrats remain puzzled about what they must do to become something more than a party of local government (where they have 3,500 councillors) and of parliamentary by elections. There is a general feeling that things cannot go on quite as

they are. However, that new policy document Challenge, Opportunity and Responsibility presented as an early trailer, heaven help us, of the next election manifesto, is full of questions rather

Is it still justified for the state to provide universal services for all, or is a greater measure of targeting necessary (not as difficult for Lib Dems, committed to a merger of tax and social security systems, to swallow as it is for Labour, which has begun asking the same question). And, strikingly for a party traditionally devoted to Keynes and Beveridge: "Is full employment any longer achievable, or even desirable"? No wonder Mr Kennedy called the debate on party strategy "the debate that the Tories and Labour dare not have".

#### Council tax based on 1991 house prices By Douglas Broom LOCAL GOVERNMENT CORRESPONDENT

THERE will be no wholesale revaluation of the 20 million homes in England liable for the new council tax, even if property prices continue to fall, John Redwood, the local government minister, said

yesterday. Houses would be taxed on the basis of their value in April 1991 "for the foreseeable future". He believed the new tax would be successfully introduced next April to replace the poll tax. Every home in the country has been placed into one of eight council tax bands and householders will be told in March which band their home is in.

The bands are quite wide and they are designed to refelect the relative values in an area. There should be no need to change as prices change because the relative values will remain the same," Mr Redwood said.

Defending the decision to choose April last year as the valuation date, he said: "We had to pick a common base date and we took April 1991. That was not the peak of the market and values had already fallen some way."

He was speaking at the launch of a £3 million publicity campaign to explain the new tax to housholders. Every home in England will be sent an explanatory leaflet next week. Mr Redwood said he did not expect a large number of appeals against banding because the valuation exercise had led to more homes being

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put in the lower bands than had been expected. He condemned Labour for

misleading people about the valuation exercise. Labour had claimed that because fewer homes were in the high value bands, people in lower bands would have to pay more.

Areas with large numbers of low-value properties would re-ceive extra grants to compen-sate for their reduced tax base. The grant system was designed to enable every council to levy the same tax rate if it

spent at target level. "Far from causing concern I expect that the results of the banding exercise will leave many people, particularly in London, feeling very relieved because their home will be in a lower band than they expect-

ed," Mr Redwood said. He refused to disclose what the government expects the first council tax bills to average. "There are 366 taxing authorities, each setting eight bands, so there will be wide local variations," he said.

The government plans to publish six leaflets explaining all aspects of the new tax from valuation appeals to benefits. They will be available on request free of charge in 11 languages, in large print and in braille. Council tax bands are: A up to £40,000; B £40,001£52,000; C £52,001£68,000; D £68,001£88,000; E £88,001£120,000; F £120,001£160,000; G £160.001-£320,000; H over



# Instant check alerts shops to credit card

By NICK NUTTALL TECHNOLOGY CORRESPONDENT

fraud gangs

SHOPPERS who change radically what they buy might soon be subjected to personal

questions in stores.

An artificial intelligence computer system has been developed by Barclays Bank to monitor patterns of spending with credit and debit cards. The system, partly developed with European Community funding, tries to match daily purchases with a customer's past spending.
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monitored as shops telephone for authorisation, alert fraud prevention staff at headquarters to the possibility that a stolen or counterfeit earl is being used. They were being used. They will ask to talk to the card-user on the telephone to verify, from information held by the bank, the user's identity, while alerting police to a possible crime. Bardays plans to introduce an automatic version next year. An 18-month pilot scheme, in which the computer has

studied spending patterns based on receipts, has identified ten frauds a day. The bank says that only one customer thought that the system raised questions of privacy. Barry Fergus of Barclays said the computer took only two milliseconds to query a purchase. He refused to dis-

dose patterns that would trig-

ger an alert, but indicated that sudden changes could do so. He said that much of card crime was committed by petty criminals hired by large-scale operators, who handed them stolen cards to buy easily resaleable goods such as cigarettes and alcohol. Barciays yesterday unveiled two so-called biometric sys-

terns that it thinks may become weapons against card fraud if made sufficiently cheap and efficient. One, a fingerscan system, matches a shopper's fingerprint with a coded copy on the card. The other matches the way people write their signatures with a signature pattern on the card.

Banking facilities for people under 18 are a growing cause for concern, consumer groups and the bank-ing ombudsman said yester-day (Louise Hidalgo writes). The Consumers' Association is to investigate the case of a boy of 14 who opened an account with National Westminster and was allowed to withdraw £50 a week although his initial deposit was only £20 and his

weekly earnings were £15.
National Westminster said that only a few young people had abused its Card Plus account. It could not check a balance against money taken out at the time of withdrawal.

**Scientists** test bones for proof of tsar

By NIGEL HAWKES SCIENCE EDITOR

FORENSIC scientists yesterday began testing a bagful of bones that may hold the secret of what happened to Tsar Nicholas II and his

The latest methods for analysing the genetic materi-al DNA are being used to determine whether nine skeletons dug from a pit near Ekaterinburg in the Urals are the remains of the Russian royal family, slaughtered after the Bolsheviks seized

power in 1917.

The bones have been brought to Britain by Dr Pavel Ivanov, of the Moscow Forensic Institute, who is joining scientists at the Home Office's central research and support establish-ment at Aldermaston, Berkshire, for the six-month

project.
Yesterday, standing behind two polythene bags contain-ing a few discoloured bones. Dr Ivanov said that Russian tests had provided "good evidence" that the bones were those of the royal fam-ily, but the DNA techniques pioneered in Britain were needed to be certain.

The bones on display at the Home Office were, he be-lieved, the left leg bones of the Tsarina, and the left thigh and upper arm bones of the Tsar. The team will try to



extract sufficient DNA, of a type passed down only by women, to show whether individuals in the group are related. If this succeeds, they will compare the DNA pro-files with those of descendants of the Tsar's family in

the maternal line. If the bones are those of the royal family, they will find that the DNA chain sequences of the children are identical to those of their mother, the

bodies of the family doctor and three servants also believed to be among those killed and buried in the plt. The final step will be to

find living relatives of the

maternal line to the mother DNA samples would be the Duke of Edinburgh, whose maternal grandmother was a of the Tsar and the mother of the Tsarina. A small clipping of hair from a living relative sister of the Tsarina. will be enough to produce a sequence to compare with

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# WHERE DOES CARD FRAUD TAKE PLACE? 4569800 453328

#### Fischer overwhelms Spassky in 21 moves

By Raymond Keene, chess correspondent

THE old Fischer magic returned in spectacular form for game nine of his match against Boris Spassky on the Island of Sveti Stefan.

Fischer won the game in only 21 moves, forcing Spassky into the quickest defeat of his career. He has and leads by four wins to two.

The winner of the match will be the first to win ten games. The opening of the game, with Fischer playing white, was Fischer's favourite Ruy Lopez. On the fourth move, he resorted to the exchange vari-

ation. The American's 15th move caught everyone by surprise a pawn sacrifice that Spassky could not accept. Fischer's key move was the 19th, a knight sacrifice that could be accepted only with

colonel of the Duke of Wellington's Regiment was jailed for eight weeks and dismissed the service after he pleaded guilty at a court martial yesterday to assaulting a barman and injuring another officer. Another lieutenant was dis-missed and fined £1,000 for

Second Lieutenant James Mundell, 22, was serving with the regiment at Bulford Army camp, Wiltshire, on April 9 when officers were holding an election night party, the hear-ing at Bulford was told. When Mundell broke a window with his hand.

The steward, Private Richard Downs, 19, complained and Mundell told him: "You are here to serve officers and not to tell us what we can't do.' He pushed Pie Downs off a

chair and punched him.
Later, he and Lt Andrew
Hadley, 24, burst into the him to toast the Tory success. He refused and the pair

Hadley denied causing ac-tual bodily harm. He told the

#### Soldier who hit men is jailed THE son of the regimental

the attack on the officer.

room of 2nd Lt Richard Breary, woke him and asked

court: "It was just drunken, boisterous behaviour."

Mundell said: "It was : prank that went very wrong."
His father, Brig W.R.
Mundell, is on leave pending retirement. The sentences are subject to confirmation.

# "The Last Day of Summer"

by Douglas Hurd.

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# Bush risks charge of running scared by dodging TV debate

FROM JAMIE DETIMER IN WASHINGTON AND MARTIN FLETCHER IN LOS ANGELES

WHILE the Republicans anguished over dismal opinion poll showings yesterday and denied attempting to sabotage presidential debates, Bill Clinton was being serenaded by Barbra Streisand at a Hollywood extrayaganza.

To the tune of It had to be You Streisand sang to Mr Clinton and his wife, Hillary: "George Bush and Dan Quayte, they golf and they sail; one doesn't look well, the other can't spell, those fellas won't do... It has to be you."

The bipartisan Commission on Presidential Debates confirmed that there is no chance now that the first of the three 90-minute televised debates it had scheduled can go ahead in East Lansing, Michigan, on Tuesday. The two other debates, planned for October, have also been put in doubt by President Bush's refusal to accept the commission's proposal that he and Mr Clinton be questioned by a single moderator rather than a panel of three journalists.

of three journalists.

The Republicans object to the format because they fear that with only a single moderator there would be opportunities for the candidates to spar directly. White House aides acknowledge that Mr Clinton is faster on his feet than the president and they want less direct contact. They also

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believe that with a panel Mr Clinton will face more embarrassing questions on alleged draft dodging. With polls showing Mr Clinton maintaining his lead

and now even challenging the president in traditional Republican-leaning Florida, the cancellation of the first debate has left Mr Bush vulnerable to the charge that he is running scared. Marlin Fitzwater, the White House press secretary. dismissed Democrat claims that the Bush campaign is trying to "squirm out of headto-head debates". He said the president was keen to debate but only if the format was "fair and equitable". "Both campaigns are very protective and concerned about their prerogatives and the interests of their

candidates," he said. They have good reason to be. With more than half of the adult American population traditionally watching the debates, the television confrontations between the White House contenders can significantly affect voting. Ronald Reagan's repetition of the line There you go again" against Jimmy Carter in 1980 went a long way in encouraging voters to kick out the Democrat. The cold response by Michael Dukakis to the hypothetical question of whether he would favour the death penalty if his

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wife was raped and murdered, severely damaged his candidacy. "The debates have become the Super Bowl of presidential races," said Robert Schmuhl. a political writer.

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The Bush campaign objected to the commission's proposals from the beginning. It did not like the suggestion of three debates instead of two, fearing that the more voters see Mr Clinton, the more they may think he looks presidential. The Bush camp has almost certainly succeeded in reducing the number of debates to

Clinton's aides are unlikely to want to compromise on the commission's proposed format. Campaigning in California on Wednesday. Mr Clinton said the new format would be an "honest and open discussion, which would be far less likely to be dominated by one-liners and more likely to clarify the issues."

However, at least one Republican commentator believes it would be a mistake for Mr Bush to avoid the debates. David Gergen, the communications director in the Reagan administration, said: "Bush is at the point where he needs to transform the dynamics of the race, and debates may be the last weapon he bas."

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Brief encounter: Bill Clinton, the Democratic candidate, greeting his wife Hillary between their separate campaign engagements in Los Angeles

vote. The most recent poll, by

CBS-New York: Times, indi-

cates that Mr Bush has 43 per

cent and Mr Clinton 57 per

cent, after excluding the 14

per cent who are undecided.

among 1.006 registered

## Gap widening between candidates

SIX weeks from next Tuesday, on November 3, about half the American electorate will trouble to cast their vote for president of the United States.

As the days between now and then slip by, the gap widens between the incumbent president, George Bush, and the Democratic candidate, Governor Bill Clinton of Arkansas. What "bounce" there was after the Republican convention in the third week of August has mostly fided. The president will have to convince eight people in a hundred to change their minds in the next six-and-si-

half weeks if he is to be reelected. moment interviewing people who claim to be registered to

One polling organisation, Greenburg-Lake/Tarrance, has not been included in the poll summary because it is using a different methodology, conducting a rolling four-day sample of 250 registered voters, interviewed each evening. Its most recent finding with fieldwork finished last Sunday, is exactly in line with the figures in the graph (left). All the American pell organisations now interview by tele-

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All the American pell organ—Wessweek last macket all 58 isations now interview by telephone and most interview has about 1,000 people across the 50 states and are at the

almost identical to the percentage of the American public who left they were no better off now than they were four years ago.

The public perception of Mr Bush's record has not helped his campaign. Sixty-nine per cent say they believe the country is worse off because of Mr Bush's economic policies. Robert M. Worcester is chairman of Mort and Visiting Professor of Covernment at the 1632 free transpares of the US election with appearin The

Times, and are compiled with

Clinton poll lead pushing Baker to go for jugular

RY ANTHONY HOWAR

When James Baker took charge of the Bush campaign just four weeks ago, he knew he was on a rescue mission. The president's chances of re-election in November may still just about be affoat But the former Secretary of State will need all of the six weeks of the campaign remaining to him if he is to succeed.

The great disappointment for the man, who is now running his fourth presidential campaign — Mr Baker's track record goes back to 1976 — is that, unlike in all the other electoral challenges he has taken on, the polls have so far stubbornly refused to turn around.

Nobody denies that Mr Balcer, controlling everything from his command post in the White House, has brought a new air of purpose and focus to the president's campaign. In professional terms it probably now has the edge over Bill Clinton's team, where the command structure is much more diffuse. But there is a limit to what order and efficiency can do.

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Take the president's two big speeches since Mr Baker took over. Both his appearance before the Economic Club in Detroit, and his patriotic address to the National Guard convention in Salt Lake City, were immaculately organised occasions. Better than that, the president displayed a command of syntax and (particularly in Detroit) a coherent grasp of a complex, argument. Yet neither petformance appears to have made much impact on the voters.

Perhaps predictably, an undercurrent of consists has begun of his specific in Salt Lake City: even loyal Republicans are murmaring that, since it was one of those rare occasions when both candidates were appearing on the same platform though not simultaneously, the president should have scient the opportunity to go for the jugular. By this they mean that he should have attacked

Mr Clinton directly, rather than by implication, on his draft record — thereby leaving the challenger no alternative but to reply before an unsympathetic audience.

For the moment, though, Mr Baker plainly intends to keep his candidate on the high road. It may be all right for others to raise the jagged issues (the Republican national committee promptly did so with a set of ten questions on the draft addressed to Mr Clinton as soon as the speech was over); but the president himself should be seen to be above this sort of thing.

above this sort of thing.

It is perhaps too transparently a split-level strategy to carry much conviction: and criticism of it seems bound to mount among Republican activists, especially if there continues to be no substantial erosion of Mr Clinton's poll lead.

t begins increasingly to look as if Mr Baker will need to pull out some new stops. To his credit, he lost no time in spotting the unpopularity of the "family values" legacy that he inherited from the Houston convention, but he has still to find an emotive centrepiece for the campaign with which to replace it. Most observers still expect that ultimately to be an attack on Governor Clinton's fitness for office with the blade being driven in over what the Democratic candidate did or did not do over the draft in 1968-9. This may well be the best

weapon the Republicans have at their disposal, though its cutting edge probably looks sharper to those, of the Baker-Bush generation than it does to the rest of the electorate. The Vietnam war is already somuch part of history that, in an effort to make it comprehensible to the younger generation, school text-books, have just been published about it.

Mr Baker may be 61 and his candidate 68, but they both need to keep in mind that the median age of the American voter is now 39.

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## Two Koreas opening hotline but nuclear sites remain closed

By David Watts, DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

NORTH and South Korea are to open a military hotline to prevent a new war breaking out in the world's last Cold war

The agreement came yesterday after the prime ministers met in Pyongyang to sign a series of confidence-building measures that it is hoped will lessen tensions. The hotline is an important symbol between two countries still technically at war after 40 years, with a million men facing each other over a national boundary across which there is no postal or telephone service, no travel and precious little trust.

But despite the progress made by Chung Won Shik, prime minister of South Korea, and Yon Hyong Muk, his North Korean counterpart, the latter refused to yield on the issue of nuclear sites or on the reunion of divided

North Korea has yet to satisfy the rest of the world that

ment of a nuclear weapon for use in a last-throw attempt to unify the country. Kim Il Sung, the 80-year-old "Great Leader", has sworn to unify the country before his death. South Korea has been pressing for access to the North's nuclear sites to satisfy itself that there is no real possibility of a surprise assault, but has so

far been rebuffed. The hotline between the two military commands will be installed within 50 days and, at the same time, committees will be set up to implement a peace agreement between the

"The North wants to give the impression of progress, but there was no substantial change on the key issues of nuclear weapons and the exchange of people," a diplomat said. The North, he added, was still unable to make up its mind on the nuclear issue and on whether to adopt a more reasonable stance that might

funds from South Korea and

Until the nuclear issue is resolved the South is determined that there will be no softening of its attitude on economic exchange. The North is also reluctant to give any advantage to either side in the forthcoming presidential elections in the South, due before the end of the year.

"It is great progress on the road to unification." Mr You claimed, but Mr Chung called the activation of the committees a second-best solution. From now on both sides should make efforts faithfully to implement agreements to advance national unification,

Mr Chung said. On the same day, a fresh sign of North Korea's isolation came with the announcement that Cuba wants to establish economic links with South Korea. This follows closely on the recognition of the southern government by China, hither-



the transport vessel Minn at the port of Kurcyesterday. Accompanied by 390 sailors who are also to join United Nations peacekeeping forces in

bility that will promote the nation's undestanding of peacekeeping operations." Oppositon to sending defence force troops abroad was si great that it took the government nearly two year to get the necessary legislation through parliament.

Inland sea ravages **Pakistan** 

FROM CHRISTOPHER THOMAS IN PANINAD

farmland

FROM the air, southern Punjab is a swirling inland sea. dotted with thousands of tiny islands from which homeless and destitute people wave for help. This is Pakistan's prime farming country, its economic backbone, and it is ravaged

beyond calculation. Nearly 3,000 villages and tens of thousands of farms have vanished beneath water in Punjab alone. Kashmir has been devastated. The consequences for this poor country are only now dawning. Punjab's many rivers are still bursting their banks as floodwater pushes south towards the Arabian Sea, leaving a trail of mass destruction.

The vast stretch of water, which last night entered Sind province, widens by the day. In places it is 20 miles across. A second, smaller, flood wave is on its way from the monsoon-battered North, ensuring that it will be weeks or even months before Punjab

The great lake moves at a steady four miles an hour southwards, toppling houses, bringing down pylons, de-stroying roads and bridges. ng disease and ruining the small farms that keep

Pakistan's economy alive. Losing the cotton crop is a calamity for Pakistan. More than half the mainstream economy depends on the cotton industry, directly or indirectly. The government has banned the export of raw cotton to ensure that its own textile mills have enough to produce the linens that are a vital foreign exchange earner.

WEAR WELL **Sudan aid** flights to increase

Nairobi: The United Nations said yesterday that it had secured agreement with Sudan's government to increase relief flights. A dal on over-land aid routes aross disputed civil war zonesstill had not

been agreed, however. Jan Eliasson, the UN under secretary-general for humanitarian affairs, sad that talks were still in progress with the government on improving access to remote areas of the country. (Reuter)

Airport boost

Hoag Kong. The government here is to spend an extra £2.8 billion on its new airport and rail link to allay Chinese fears that the project would have a huge debt. Peking had rejected Hone nancing plan. (Reuter)

Marines deal

Mogadishu: General Muhammad Farrah Aidid, bader of one of Somalia's waring factions, has accepted the de-ployment of US Marins off the coast to support plants ferrying in troops to protec relief supplies. (AFP)

Rwanda pac

and the rebel Rwanda Fitriotic Front presented a joint document on ending the citil war at talks attended by leighbouring states. (Reuter,

Last round

Brisbane: Danny the goat. which found fame in peking up mugs of beer and swigging the contents, has drunk is last pint. It was found shot dead near here. AP)

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Iraq flaunts rebuilt palace to spite Bush

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN CALRO

IRAOI officials boasted defiantly yesterday that Presi-dent Saddam Hussein's palace had been repaired and also predicted that President Bush would lose the November presidential

Mahmoud Diab al-Ahmad, the housing minister, said that the palace, which stands in sprawling grounds on the south bank of the Tigris, had been rebuilt by a team working around the clock for 11 weeks. The palace was a repeated target during the Gulf war last year. Al-Qadissiyah, the army newspaper, said on its front page: The reconstruction of the Home of the People las the lavish palace is officially known is a loud reply to rancorous and malevolent enemies."

The rebuilding is part of an emergency reconstruction programme known as the counter-attack, whose pace has impressed even Western critics of the Baghdad regime. It is estimated that more than three-quarters of the damage inflicted on Iraq's infrastructure by allied missiles and bomb-

ers has been repaired. The rebuilding has made many supporters of the regime millionaires by exempting construction profits from tax. There have been extensive repairs to the wrecked electrical grid, even though the generators were inported and all imports to Iraq except food and medi-

cine are under embargo. Al-Thawra, the paper of the ruling Baath party, claimed yesterday that it was inevitable that Mr Bush would lose the election on November 3 because he had deceived the American people. In an editorial, the paper said: The criminal Bush will fait after he sank in the swamps of crimes and failed the test of honest principles and values of justice and

The paper indirectly echoed the taunt now frequently heard from Iraqi officials that Saddam will keep his job longer than Mr Bush. Privately, they predict to Western visitors that if Bill Clinton enters the White House, there will be a stronger chance of ending the two-year-old embargo by the United Nations.



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#### Besieged town awaits its doom

FROM EDWARD GORMAN IN BIHAC, BOSNIA

under siege since April at a cost of 315 dead and 1,500

injured. The village, strad-

dling the Una river, two

miles outside Bihac, com-

mands the town's south-

Last Saturday - the day on which the Bosnian

Serbs had agreed that UN

monitoring of their heavy

weapons in this area

would begin — their com-

manders outside Golubic

launched an offensive aimed at taking the village

and Sokalic, which over-

The attack was repulsed,

but UN sources here, try-

ing in vain to implement

the monitoring arrange-ments while Serb com-

manders fail to respond to

their radio calls, say the

Muslims are hopelessly

outgunned. Mujanovic.

33, once a waiter, is lead-

ing a five-man mortar

team in the battle for

Golubic. "What we want

from the West is to give us

the heavy weapons that

the Serbs have, or else take

the Serbs' weapons away,"

be said. "In general we

would prefer the second

UN officers at the Motel

Bihac say the outlook is "dire". One said: "We are

sitting here getting shelled

waiting for the Serbs to

pick up the phone — that

nicely sums up the UN

ern approaches.

looks the town.

BOSNIAN Serbs are to offer LOOKING through binoctheir Croat counterparts a ulars half a mile away. you peace deal excluding Muslims could see the pigs ambling n talks convened today by along the road near the deserted village of Golu-bic They seemed oblivious Cyrus Vance and Lord Owen. joint chairmen of the Geneva peace conference. to the sound of firing, on

Aleksa Buha, the foreign the hot late summer's day. minister of the self-proclaimed Larger explosions sig-Bosnian Serb Republic said nalled shells reaching the that his delegation would offer centre of the Muslim-held an exclusive Serbo-Croat Bosnian town of Bihac from Serb positions on the ceasefire to be followed by negotiations for a separate surrounding hills. Golubic Mr Buha spoke in Belgrade has become a matter of life and death for the people of Bihac, which has been

as Bosnians and Croats fought fierce battles with Serbs, especially in and around Sarajevo. President Izethegovic of Bosnia repeated his threat to boycott the Geneva talks, claiming that Bosnian Serbs had been attacking four Bos-nian towns from the air. Mr Buha said that the

separate peace deal had already been suggested to the Bosnian Croats at "informal talks" and he added: "They like the idea". A separate peace is the ultimate nightmare for Bosnian Muslims, who are fighting to prevent Serbs and Croats carving up the republic between them. Mr Buha said: "We believe this would force the Muslims to come round and start

On Wednesday the Bosnian Serb parliament demanded that Muslims and Croats begin negotiations "on the division of the territory by mutual consent". The assemment to the Serbian Republic's constitution defining it as independent. "We do not want to leave Yugoslavia of our own free will even though many are pushing us out of it." said Momcilo Krajisnik, the

assembly president.

Mr Buha said that Serbs still stood by a pre-war agreement in which they forfeited their right to stay in Yugoslavia in exchange for the division of Bosnia into ethnic 'cantons". But he accused both Muslims and Croats of undermining the deal and said he was not optimistic that it could be revived. "If every-

FROM TIM JUDAH AND DESSA TREVISAN IN BELGRADE one starts thinking the same way, and after all the evils we have done to each other, we may decide not to live together ... in fact this has already

**Bosnian Serbs will** 

make peace offer

excluding Muslims

happened." Muslims and Croats had already decided on confedera-tion. "We have nothing against it," he said. "we just don't want to be part of it."

In Geneva Fred Eckhard. the UN spokesman said that today's talks would begin with a clean slate". All three sides could come with new ideas because "the agreements about cantonisation turned down by the Bosnians will not be a starting point for the

Asked about the deteriorating military situation in eastern Bosnia, where Serbs are coming under increased at-



Milosevic still at odds with Panic

tack from Bosnian Muslim guerrilla units, Mr Buha said: We can defeat them but we don't want to because if we did then the whole of Europe would start ringing alarm bells accusing us of ethnic cleansing." Bosnian Croats are likely to

be well disposed to an offer of a separate peace deal, but the issue of disputed territory seems insuperable. The key area at issue is the strategic northern corridor linking Serbia with Serb territories in Bosnia and Croatia.

The Croats want to cut the corridor in order to throttle the supply lines to the Serb territories in Croatia. A separate

peace deal would also condemn both Serbs and Croats to war without end as ever more radicalised Muslims fight to remake Bosnia. Mr Buha made a special plea for Serbs that he said were held prisoner in Croat and Muslim controlled towns saying "they would be glad to be ethnically cleansed' in Belgrade there was re-

newed political uproar as Milan Panic, the Yugoslav prime minister, said that his government was ready to apply to the UN for the admission of the new federation of Serbia and Montenegro. The Serbian Milosevic, the Serb leader, reacted furiously and Borisav Jovic, the Socialist Party leader, threatened Mr Panic with a second no-confidence motion in as many weeks. Mr Jovic, an implacable foe of Mr Panic, said that the prime minister's attitude "is inflicting enormous and perhaps irreparable damage to our country".

One of the main planks of

Mr Milosevic's policy is that the new federation is the legal successor to the old and should inherit its seats in international organisations. The issue has given new ammunition to supporters of Mr Milosevic who want to topple Mr Panic for attempting to undermine the Serbian leader. Sarajevo: Warring sides in

Bosnia pounded each other with unrelenting ferocity yes-terday. The Muslim defenders of Sarajevo launched fresh attacks to try to break out towards Ilidza to the south west. Bosnian radio said the Serbs were attacking the nearby Croat-held village of Stup and were trying to cut Sarajevo in half by breaking the Muslim lines in the southern suburb of Hrasno.

Elsewhere in the republic, the radio said 2,000 shells had fallen on Gradacac in the last 24 hours, many of them from heavy 155 mm howitzers and 120 mm mortars. The Serb side reported tank and artillery battles. (Reuter)



Old enemy: a group of young German neo-Nazis, bearing the symbols of imperial Germany that were later appropriated by the Third Reich and carrying their weapons, giving the Hitler salute

#### Neo-Nazis link arms in hatred

GERMANY'S mushrooming neo-Nazi groups are forging links among themselves and carrying out co-ordinated athum in the country, according to intelligence officials.

Although all far-right

groups share the common aim of expelling foreigners from Germany, they are concentratand parties. The development of linked activities is disturbing because it heralds a shift away from ad hoc assaults and drunken rampages towards planned attacks. Officials say that CB radios are being used by ringleaders orchestrating

German intelligence estimates that there are 40.000 far-right extremists, including 4,200 militant skinheads, in the country. "We have to take these latest attacks very seriously; we have not come to the end." one intelligence official said. So far this year the neo-

German intelligence officials see disturbing evidence that far-right groups are banding together against asylum seekers, Adam LeBor writes from Berlin

ation, there is increased evi-

dence of regional planning

between different neo-Nazi

groups. "More and more we

see there is evidence of plan-

ning together. They are

organising on a multilateral level, especially in eastern Germany," the intelligence official said. "Normally", he

added, "skinhends are isolated

and not organised, but now

Nazis have been responsible for 970 attacks in which ten people have died and 700 nave been injured. The extreme right scored several political vic-

tories, sharpening the terms of Germany's immigration de-bate. Pressure is building in mainstream parties to amend the right to asylum and yesterday Bonn announced plans to deport thousands of Romanians, many of them gypsies. Prejudice against gypsies is widespread throughout Ger-

many are joining these neoman society. Many recent neo-Nazi organisations.' In an interview with Der Nazi attacks have focused on Spiegel, Ernst Uhrlau, head of driving out gypsies, who rank equal with Africans and Viet-Hamburg's counter-intellinamese in the far right's lexicon of hatred. Security wing trail of death has only

German society more fundamentally than did the 1968 riots by student radicals, he sources say that, although there is not yet a central national neo-Nazi organis-

There is widespread concern that some neo-Nazi groups have secret caches of guns and other weapons hidden in a network of safe houses and arms dumps. The guns are often obtained from departing Soviet soldiers — an AK47 assault rifle can he bought for the equivalent of £160 — or were dug up from second world war battlefieds in eastern Germany after unification.

from the right could change

"Many neo-Nazis possess arms, but they do not use them in their attacks," one intelligence official said. "There is a difference between throwing a molotov cocktall and staying anonymous and seeing the results when you point a gun. But they are all potential murderers."

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## We're not to blame

German commentator

Josef Joffe on the lessons of the currency crisis

ho deserves to be first in line for the pillory? Mr Lamont, Mr Major, or Herr Schlesinger, the boss of the almighty Bundesbank? To pose the question is like trying to pin the blame on any particular motorist in a

For politicos it is always useful to mutter "treachery", to target those heinous forces conspiring against the pound from beyond one's own borders. The foots though a many borders. borders. The facts, though, are both more straightforward and profound, and they spell out lessons all good Europeans ought to heed as they look behind the French referendum, indeed, beyond Maastricht

Lesson no. 1: politicians can fool some markets some of the time, but in the end, the chickens will come home to roost. Of course, Messrs Schmidt (Germany) and Giscard (France), the two co-founders, had hoped that the straitjacket of the EMS would force everybody into fiscal frugality and monetary discipline. But nation-states listen to

different gods. Lesson no. 2: virtue becomes unbearable unless relieved by a bit of sin. In the first four years of the EMS, parities on average were changed every seven months; between 1983 and 1987, realignment occurred once every 18 months. In short, everybody could stay on the wagon because he was allowed to take an occasional sip from the bottle. Since 1987, however, everybody behaved as if realignment were verboten. The result was a monetary earthquake that brought the whole EMS edifice crashing down.

Lesson no. 3: don't put the fox in charge of the hen house. Here, too a bit of history will help to clear the mind. Originally, the idea was that (West) Germany would act as the martinet, meting out monetary discipline to the spendthrifts - Italy. France, the whole lot. Originally, Germany was also ideally equipped for the task. The Bundesbank was the most independent of them all; those 18 stern-faced governors, their hands firmly on the monetary tiller, would keep the Bonn government in line and, by yanking the EMS chain, force the profligates elsewhere to shape up or face the ultimate humiliation of devaluation.

But then came reunification, and that has been the ultimate source of all our troubles. In financing the bill, Helmut "None shall be worse off" Kohl took a page out of George ("Read my lips") Bush's book no new taxes. The price tag of unity is about DM 200 billion per annum. That has created inflationary pressures—around 4 But in Geoman eyes, 4 per cent looks. standards. But in German eyes, 4 per cent looks like the prelude to Armageddon-on-Rhine.

Hence, the Bundesbank stepped in - like those Wall Street computers programmed to buy and sell on the basis of pre-set benchmarks. The bank. to be sure, was only obeying built-in orders: when faced with fiscal irresponsibility, jack up interest rates and hold down the money supply.

Towering German interest rates, of course, have

put an unbearable strain on everybody else. The Bundesbank message was: raise your own rates or devalue - no matter whether France or Britain. facing real recession, could have used a hefty dose of monetary relief. What was John Major to do? Kill all chances of recovery or unlink from the tyranny of the deutschmark — as the United States

The moral of the story: the EMS, a rickety construction to begin with, cannot work if the German martinet cannot live by the fiscal discipline he is supposed to impose on the rest of Europe. Hence, there is method in the current monetary madness: if we cannot hang together, it is better to hang loose.

But all is not lost. More than French anti-Maastrichtisme or the Danish "no", this EMS earthquake should teach all good Europeans humility - for the sake of Europe. The nation states of Europe are a long way from a common economic policy that would allow for a common monetary policy. Let's not chase impossible dreams. We can build a better single market without a single currency; indeed, a bit of monetary freedom will help us. Thus the EMS collapse may turn out to be a blessing in disguise. The author is editorial-page editor of the Süddeutsche

The devaluation of sterling has cleared the way for a swift British recovery, argues Anatole Kaletsky

illions of Britons woke up this morning to read with horror about the devaluation of sterling. the utter collapse of the govern-ment's economic policy, the per-sonal humiliation of the Prime Minister and Chancellor, and generally Britain's relegation to the third league of banana republics. But what will these dreadful events mean to the man in the street? Here are a few

By this time next year Britain will have the fastest growing economy in Europe, and after Japan probably the strongest in the industrialised world. Interest rates will be down to 6 or 7 per cent and unemployment will be rapidly falling. House prices will be rising at 5 or 6 per cent annually, roughly the same as the growth in earnings. The balance of payments will have improved by several billion pounds despite the strength of the economic recovery. And inflation will be at or below 3 per

These may seem insane predictions. But a key rule of thumb

# Happy days are here again

about the government's economic pronouncements must be recalled: simply put a "not" before any statement made by the Chancellor, prime minister or one of their economic advisers, and you will have a good idea of

what is actually going on.

That certainly seemed to be the message from the 100-point rise in the stockmarket yesterday morning. And even the foreign exchange markets were not nearly as savage with sterling as might have been expected. Al-though the pound fell sharply in the morning, it railied strongly when the Bank of England announced a two-point cut in interest rates. These, it will be remembered, had been raised to support the pound on Wednesday in accordance with the rule "nots". When, later in the afternoon there were rumours of another rate cut, the pound again rallied. It then fell back sharply again when word got around that the Treasury was planning once again to support by re-emering the ERM.

The case for a rapid recovery

rests on solid economics. There are essentially two ways of pulling an economy out of deep recession: by cutting interest rates or increasing public spending. When sterling was in the ERM, the interest rate weapon was unavailable because Britain was broadly tied to German rates. The government was un-derstandably reluciant to keep increasing public spending, part-ly because of ideological convictions, but also because recession had already swelled the public deficit to a daunting £30 billion a year. As a result, economic policy was completely stymied and all the Chancellor could do was

dream about "green shoots". Since 7pm on Wednesday the situation is the other way round.

on the government's ability to cut interest rates. The only rational constraint on how low interest rates could fall is the government's desire to keep putting downward pressure on inflation. But never in the last 30 years has Britain faced less of a threat of inflation than it does today. Union militancy is non-existent and wage rises are at record lows. Nevertheless, inflation always

remains a potential problem and

the government now has a

perfect way of demonstrating

even greater vigilance than

There is now no arbitrary limit

For a conservative government the best way of controlling inflation is always to squeeze public spending. The interest rates alternative ensures that the suffering is borne by private industry. while government is entirely exempt. Politically, reducing public spending can often be

ERM membership offers the government a once-in-a-lifetime chance. The nation's desire for lower interest rates is now so intense that an extremely tough public spending round would readily be accepted as a quid pro quo. Even such previously un-thinkable ideas as freezing public sector wages and suspending the indexation of non-means tested social security pensions and pensions would surely be acceptable in exchange for a cut of 3 or 4 per cent in interest rates and a guarantee of further action if required to restore economic

growth.

With the curse of the ERM lifted, and the economy in deep recession, there are only two conceivable reasons why the Chancellor should not announce another cut in interest rates of two or three percentage points on Monday morning.

One is a residual fear about what would happen to sterling. Amazingly enough, there are people in the Treasury, perhaps even including the Chancellor, who have not had enough of harding the markets and area. barding the markets and arguing with the Germans. They want as soon as possible to come back for more. But their voices are unlikely to be heeded, for reasons of simple political survival. Whatever the Cabinet may say about rejoining the ERM Mr Major knows that trying to pour another bottle of his quack medicine down the nation's guiwould probably cost him his

The other possible reason for not slashing interest rates immediately is crass political cyni-cism. Mr Major may want to put the longest possible gap between the defeat of his policy and the obvious economic benefits that can now follow from his humiliation. If a few thousand more job, businesses and homes are lost in the meantime. Mr Major has already shown that he considers this "a small price to pay" for never admitting a mistake.

# With one bound, freedom

Simon Jenkins rejoices at the forthcoming return of sanity

to European politics

The news is good. The right thing has been done. The price for sterling has been determined where it should be, in the currency market. The British cabinet has accepted that such prices should not be fixed in the foggy corridors of the Treasury or Threadneedle Street. That is the merry road to hell. So Heaven reserves special joy for the sinner that repenteth. There will now of course be much nonsense talked. It will be

talked mostly by those who encouraged first Margaret Thatcher and then John Major and Norman Lamont down this foolish road. The case for a ritual resignation of a Chancellor has never been weaker. This was the policy of a true coalition: Labour and Liberal leaders, business-men. Whitehall officials, diplomats, the pundits of the financial press. Now those same voices are speaking of humiliation, that Mr Major's "heart of Europe" strategy is dead. They return to the exhausted metaphor heap and pull out of it, Britain is the second eleven, the off-shore island, the outsider. The train has been missed. The plane is taking off

Economics is an art not a science. We each take pleasure from our favourite among its myriad pictures of the world. There has been an awful inevitability about the past five years. Britain had to align itself in some degree with other European currencies or be seen as beyond the pale, a pale within which there were real free-trade benefits to be had. Yet from Nigel Lawson's notorious pegging of the pound to the mark in 1987. through ERM entry in 1990 to grim nemesis in the markets this week, refloating was a matter only of time. Mr Lamont was thus left a creature of circumstance, a Toistoyan general circling aimlessly, his horses trapped in mud. His resignation would be rough justice indeed.

Alan Waiters could be forgiven some glum satisfaction on the radio yesterday, remarking that since 1987 this was "a crisis waiting to happen". And Mrs Thatcher, she who yielded to Mr Lawson in the cause of cabinet unity (what bitter irony), she too must be allowed her smirk. We are back, as Professor Walters said, to where we started in the mid-1980s.

There are worse places to be. I cannot believe any but the most madcap Euro-enthusiast could now doubt that the Community's path from the Single European Act in 1986 to Maastricht has been a disastrous one. To say that European union must maintain its forward momentum or the whole project will falter was rubbish, the philosophy of the lemming. The 1992 single market for goods and services was to be the finest construct of international collaboration at least since the creation of Nato. Nothing, simply nothing, was more important than that

Mr Major's presidency was to see its coronation, a festive round of demolished border posts, generous quotas for Eastern European trade and a Gatt round admitting the poorest nations to the rich markets of the West. For this Mrs Thatcher signed the Single European Act and rightly accepted the disciplines of major-ity voting. For this new members from central Europe were to be admitted to the EC. Yet how much time have Mr Major and his fellow leaders spent on encouraging the halting 1992 ven-

The wise statesman knows that sound supranational agreements arise circumstantially. They are the servants of economic or military need, not its master.



Therein lay the strength of Nato. Make supranationalism an end in itself and it collanses. This week's small earthquake brought about just such a collanse.

The result is wholly salutary. One effect is to diminish the glare of the French referendum. The money market shock that would have resulted from a French no is forestalled. The markets, not exhausted Ecofin ministers, can take the strain on Monday morning. However France votes, Maastricht is sure-

ly a ruptured appendix. John Major remains its official surgeon. He should be able to operate with a steadier hand now that his prestige is no longer absurdly on the line with sterling in the ERM. He must swiftly restore his domestic morale by a further cut in interest rates and again let the currency markets take any resulting strain.

The ERM is not dead but is redefining itself as a deutsch-mark zone, from which Britain is well to be free.

What is more important is that sanity can now fight its way back onto the European agenda. Governments that so wish can pursue their own route to economic health or damnation, answerable to their own electorates. They will be helped to health more effectively by the EC if the EC sticks to the unfinished business still in hand: reforming its farm and regional subsidies, cutting border controls, cutting tariffs and achieving the single

market. Ministers forced week-in

week-out to protect fixed ERM parities have lost domestic support vital to maintaining internal economic discipline: witness the Italians, the Swedes, the French. even the Germans. Britain is not alone in the "humiliation" brought on by this excess of EC supranationalism. But Britain has at least broken a little free, as it broke free of the social chapter.

merican diplomats have of late taken to ridiculing Europe's inability to act collective ly, citing the Gulf, Yugoslavia and Gatt as miserable instances. They are right. The fault lies with Europeans who still suffer from the Charlemagne complex, who pretend that modern Europe can be forced into one nation with one political will. It is rightly becoming a free trade area, with the collective discipline that implies. It may yet find the ad hoc structures for joint security. But one political entity it is not and never will be. That is what is illiterate about the Maastricht treaty, an illiteracy sensed by electors across Europe.

Most British leaders have appreciated this. That is why Britain has seemed a "reluctant European" at times when the consensus in the chancelleries of Europe has been naively supranationalist. It is also why, in moments like the present, it is easy to portray Britain as vacillating and directionless. But after this week, John Major can bring to what remains of his presidency the same pragmatic realism he brought to the pre-Maastricht argument. He has been through the fire of an unsustainable monetary federalism. He has lived to tell the tale.

International relations are inherently opportunistic. A politician's job is to keep open his freedom to be opportune. The best news this week is that Britain has regained a little of that freedom. But goodness. what a business! As Virginia Woolf remarked on reading history: "So much energy wasted, to believe in something so spectral." And to so little effect.

# ...and moreover

am being groomed for stardom. Any day now, producers will be chasing me round casting couches. Minor producers maybe, chomping on Mannikins and glancing at Timex Oysters as they chase, and sending me home in a stretched Lada when they have done with me, but producers nonetheless. Whether I shall ever end up turning handsprings between the cheering tables on my way to the Oscar podium remains to be seen, but you never know your luck: George Raft started out at 10 cents a dance and Sean Connery at 10 pence a bottle, 1 am, after all, younger than Paul Newman, and as soon as my new smile has been delivered he may well feel he has no professional alternative but to concentrate on the salad-dressing side.

We shall come to the smile later: I mentioned it too soon. You make mistakes in this business. there is a lot of heartbreak in this town. Let me begin at the beginning: when I woke up this morning, there was a letter on the mat from an organisation called Celebrity, describing itself as an "independent group of companies specialising in talent". Naturally, when I saw their address was Star House, Star Street, my heart went pit-a-pat. I have waited a long time for my big break, but little did I know. dear reader, that there would be strings attached. Not least the one stretching between my mouth and the doorknob.

I do not know what brought me to the attention of this top-notch showbiz agency, though [ suspect it may have been my report to you, last Friday, of my appearance in a theatrical moustache. Here, cried the guys at Celebrity. is someone prepared not only to thespiate in public, but also to muck about with his God-given face in order to do it. Maybe we should get our people to talk to his

I also deduced this in part from their letter. For although it did not exactly offer me any leading roles as yet, it suggested that I might benefit from getting my teeth fixed. "Many people in the public eye are concerned about their appearance, and in particular their smile when appearing on camera. Cosmetic dentistry can be expensive, but we can confirm that the Cosmetic Dentistry Clinic utilises the very latest in dental technology without charging Harley Street fees." It was then I noticed that the envelope was not yet empty. I shook it, and some-thing fell out; not, to my surprise and, I confess, slight chagrin, a Hollywood contract, but a glossy brochure from the Cosmetic Dentistry Clinic,

They did not charge Harley Street prices, it transpired, because they were not in Harley Street, they were in Southwick Street, which is just behind Paddington Station. Nothing wrong with that. It is the line on which Brief Encounter was made. It was doubtless how Trevor Howard got the part popped into the CDC, ran round to David Lean's house, flashed his new smile, and that was that. It was a corking brochure, lots of snaps of beforeand-after mouthwear, plus two of denticians Barlow and Manku,

and the kindly injunction to "allow us to help you obtain the smile you have always wanted". You work out the smile you have always wanted, they suggest, by holding a mirror 12in from your face, smiling at it, and then answering the ten questions appended. When you have answered them correctly, however, they do not send the smile round. you have to go to Paddington to collect it. The procedure is simple: you show them a credit card, whereupon they embark on a number of techniques, the brochured description of which is so reassuring you find yourself doing no more than crossing your legs and whimpering.
Nor was this all Inside the

brochure which had been inside the letter inside the envelope, not unlike a riddle wrapped in a mystery inside an enigma, was a little folder with "Rembrandt" on the front. Rembrandt turned out to be something called "a whitening toothpaste" (as opposed, pre-sumably, to all the blackening toothpastes on the market) and the folder contained a titchy tube of it. Whether you were supposed to use it beforehand to help assess the smile you wanted, or afterwards to enhance the smile you'd just had built, they did not say. Personally, I didn't touch it, having seen a number of Rembrandts in my life, in none of which the teeth were anything to

write home about. I just sat there pondering on this strange bedfellowship and, were I to take advantage of it, how long it might be before Spielberg

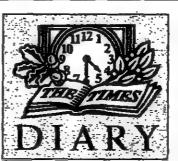
#### Schlesinger's schadenfreude

NORMAN LAMONT's humiliation is unlikely to be met with much weeping and wailing in the bank. Even before the turmoil of the past few days and the ultimate, degrading climb-down, European finance circles have been full of gossip about the deep personal animosity between Helmut Schlesinger, the Bundesbank president, and the British Chancellor. The mutual respect that finance ministers and central bankers are supposed to enjoy has long broken down between the two men, says one prominent economist. "Every time Norman Lamont produces a rabbit from his hat the Germans come along and run it over."

Small wonder that all that was left to the Government and the Bank of England yesterday was to rage at the perfidy of the Bundesbank and the gnomes of

Frankfurt Although it was never reported at the time, Schlesinger was so furious with Lamont's "whining" about German interest rates at the finance ministers' recent meeting in Bath that he threatened to walk out and had to be physically restrained from doing so by Theo Waigel, the German Finance Minister. Schlesinger is also known to delight in repeating the words of one economist: "When Lamont speaks, the markets yawn. Every time Schlesinger opens his mouth sterling falls another two

Earlier this week Lamont reportedly instructed Robin Leigh-Pemberton, governor of the Bank of England, to ring Schlesinger and remonstrate with him over his comments. Apparently the Chan-cellor could not bring himself to



speak to the Bundesbank president

personally. The finance ministers and central bank governors will no doubt manage a show of solidarity when they meet in Washington on Sunday. But if there should be a figure other than Lamont in the British seat Herr Schlesinger is unlikely to be able to hide his smile. He will certainly have had the last laugh.

 Should Norman Lamont shortly be seeking fresh employment, he has a job offer to hand. Lord Sutch, of the Monster Raving Loony party, who claims to recog-nise a kindred spirit when he sees one, yesterday invited Lamont to join him in his pantomime Robinson Crusoe this winter. Lamont has been offered the part of the captain of the boat — named The Floating Pound — which hits the rocks. "For £2,000 a week plus expenses he will have to wear a pirate outfit with a vulture perched on his shoulder and sing a few verses of 'You've Got to Pick a Pocket or Two".

#### Cold discomfort

IF Norman Lamont is on his knees perhaps he should consider offering up a prayer or two to St Lam-bert of Maastricht, whose feast day it was yesterday. The bishop of that formerly inoffensive Dutch town from 668 to 674, Saint Lambert spent his life resisting the usurpa-

tions of continental dicators until he could hold out no longer and was overthrown by the tyrant Ebroin. He went on to live as a monk for seven years at the Bene-dictine abbey of Stavelot before being recalled as a bishop by King Pepin of Heristal. St Lambert was murdered in 709 when he scolded King Pepin for taking up with a concubine called Alpais. His body was later moved to Liege. Like Lamont, St Lambert knew how it felt to be left out in the cold. One night at the abbey he rose to make his silent devotions when his wooden sandal fell to the floor with a thud. He was sent barefoot wearing only a hair shirt into the wilderness



as a penance and was recalled, covered in snow and half trozen,

#### Popcorn polls

BRITISH opinion pollsters, still smarting from their general election fiasco, could learn a thing or two from the purveyors of Clint Eastwood and Bugs Bunny. General Cinema, America's biggest chain with 1,400 movie houses across 29 states, is asking cinema goers who buy soft drinks which

candidate they favour in the US presidential race. In the ultimate straw poll the purchaser is then given a Republican or Democratic drinking straw depending on political persuasion. Results are fed back to the company's headquarters and then a daily update of the aggregate vote is posted in cinema foyers across the union. The poll has predicted the winner in every election since 1968 and last time came within 1.3 per cent of the exact vote. The current General Cinema figures put Bush at 45.5 per cent and Clinton at a winning 54.5 per cent. You read it here first.

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#### Fast and last

Paddy Ashdown's speech to the Liberal Democrat conference yesterday was the last drafted for him by Alan Leaman, his right-hand man for the past 10 years. And none has been more difficult. By Wednesday afternoon Learnan was claiming that the speech had already been redrafted 22 times because of the pace of events over

the past 48 hours.
The events of Black Wednesday led Leaman and Ashdown to go through several more redrafts before yet another rewrite yesterday morning as interest rates reverted to their original level.

Ashdown will miss Leaman, who is seeking a career in freelance promotional work. He has long been one of the most trusted members of the Ashdown inner circle and was one of the two party apparatchiks in whom Ashdown confided about his extra-marital affair. "I'm very lucky to have him -- he knows what I'm trying to say, and can develop my ideas." he said of his aide last

"I have enjoyed myself but it is time for a change," says Leaman, sounding in the hour of his departure more like a Lib Dem slogan

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#### TIME TO REPENT

The prime minister says that Norman Lamont should not be used as an "air-raid shelter". The cabinet has been told that it cannot cower beneath the Chancellor of the Exchequer's reinforced concrete skin and that if any one of the colleagues is to take a direct hit, all must suffer equally.

So be it. Mr Lamont must take his chances, such as they are. Far more important than who is Chancellor is the question: what is the policy? John Major must now channel all the courage he has misguidedly exhibited over the past two years to a new, more humbling end.

He and his Chancellor should admit. initially at least to themselves, that they were wrong, that their policy forced thousands of small businesses into unnecessary bankruptcy and cost a million people their jobs. Then they should change course.

To rejoin the exchange-rate mechanism, as Mr Lamont yesterday announced he would do "as soon as circumstances allow". would be to compound past errors. The government must instead embrace the free market: freedom for sterling and freedom of maneouvre for the Chancellor. He must regain the control over monetary policy and interest rates that he needs if he is to promote non-inflationary growth.

There must be no more sterling crises, no more humiliating losses of control. The only way to ensure that is to let the pound float freely. Such a strategy worked well for ten years under Margaret Thatcher. It works still in America and Japan. The exchange rate can be used as only one of many

indicators. Once the pound is set free, the government can make reduced interest rates its priority. Nothing else will restore the confidence needed to initiate economic recovery. Interest rates can safely be used to encourage growth rather than to restrain inflation, as long as public spending becomes the counterbalance. If rates are to be cut, so must expenditure, preferably current rather than capital spending. A public-sector pay freeze would be a start.

This policy happens to be far closer to Mr Lamont's heart than is membership of the ERM. He may have been temporarily persuaded by his officials and his prime minister of the virtues of fixed exchange rates, but they have never been his natural inclination. For those who want villains in this humiliating saga, there is better hunting ground among Treasury officials.

Senior officials managed to convince first Mr Major and then Mr Lamont of the sanctity of the ERM and the pound's parity within it. Both Chancellors were catapulted to the job and lacked the experience and confidence to question the advice they were given. When sterling joined the ERM at the central rate of DM2.95, the Bundesbank warned the Treasury privately that this rate was not just foolish but reckless: it could not last. Treasury officials persuaded Mr Major that the Germans were wrong. Now they have the gall to blame the Bundesbank for causing this week's debacle.

If Mr Lamont wants to continue in office, he must extract from his top officials a clear indication that they too recognise their errors. If they do not accept that they made a mistake and they continue to advise this Chancellor, or indeed any successor, it is hard to see how the job can be well done.

The economy needs vigorous resuscitation. Interest rates must be cut aggressively until it is clear that a strong recovery is under way. Yesterday's return to 10 per cent was necessary but by no means sufficient to that end. Once the French referendum has resolved the markets' uncertainty. Mr Lamont should have the courage of his old convictions. He may even keep his job.

#### AGENDA FOR EUROPE

The government has to regain control not only of the economy but of its policy towards Europe. The British presidency of the Community has been thrown off course, not just by money markets but by a series of events, beginning with the Danish referendum, that have left it floundering amid the wreckage of its original agenda. Britain now has to plan not only for a French no in Sunday's referendum and the consequent collapse of Maastricht, but for the threat to its worthier ambitions which have also been largely discredited by the turbulence displayed this week.

By an accident of timing, Britain took over the presidency at a time when ratification of Maastricht was due in all member states. This therefore became the priority. But other policies, pushed aside by treaty obsessions, were of greater fundamental importance: the enlargement of the Community, the conclusion of a successul Uruguay Round, the removal of the final obstacles to a single European market.

All these became politically, though not legally, subservient to Maastricht. Now Britain needs to set itself a new agenda for Edinburgh. There is much to do. Speeding up the accession of Finland, Sweden and Austria ought to be possible if the negotiations are no longer linked to the ratification of Maastricht, as the Lisbon summit insisted. But much damage has been done this week to the EC's reputation here.

The allure of the Community is rapidly fading in most of the current and potential applicants. The EC is seen as a cumbersome bureaucracy not flexible enough to deal with the economic differences of its members, and one which is increasingly at odds with itself and its public over Maastricht.

Other difficulties include the likely stiffer opposition from those countries such as France and Spain which always saw deepening the Community as more important than widening. They will not want a victory for the British school that sees larger

membership as a way of forestalling centralising pressures in the EC. The French government will be wounded in the event of a no vote. Pride and resentment may make it reluctant to agree with the British view.

But French weakness can also be a British opportunity. The Foreign Office should press hard for curbs on the Commission's powers to initiate legislation for the community, for repeal of burdensome legislation that breaches the spirit of subsidiarity and, hard though it may be, for greater flexibility in the Gatt talks. The Americans are ready: Europe must respond.

Britain will need to change gear haifway through its presidency, much as the Dutch did, to rewrite the agenda for Edinburgh. To push ahead with enlargement, still an important goal, the government must insist that deepening Community co-operation does not mean that every country must move forward at the same time on the same issue and at the same speed.

The events of the past week have shown this clearly on monetary policy. Already exceptions have been made for countries not wishing to commit themselves now to common policies, most notably Britain over monetary union and the social chapter. But in areas such as defence and border controls the Community will increasingly see some members wanting to pursue more common policies than others.

New applicants cannot be offered a Europe completely à la carte; but they, and the Twelve, should recognise that the Community will develop more manageably. and better hold its attraction, if it allows this "variable geometry" to correspond to the needs of its members. Maastricht speaks of an "ever closer union". Even if the treaty falls, that is still the ideal. But it is one based on co-operation and self-interest, not on an inflexible strait-jacket. Britain presides over a Community confounded by the events since Denmark voted no. It should reassert its leadership.

#### SIGNED BY THE TSARS

One of the world's most enduring mysteries may be on the verge of resolution. If forensic tests which began vesterday at the Home Office's Aldermaston laboratory prove posinve, we shall know at last the fate of the Russian royal family, presumed murdered by the Bolsheviks in 1917. Their bones, brought to Britain in an old airline bag and displayed to the press yesterday, may finally be allowed to enjoy a Christian burial.

In an age when scientific advance is often taken for granted, there is something aweinspiring about this prospect. From a few pathetic fragments dug up from a pit in the forest near Ekaterinburg, the analysis of DNA may produce certainty where hitherto there has been only the fog of hearsay and Soviet-filtered history. When Francis Crick and James Watson deduced the structure of DNA at Cambridge in 1953, even those two self-confident characters could not have believed that in their lifetimes it would provide a scalpel to probe into the past.

In Mark Twain's novel, Puda'n-head Wilson, the eponymous hero meditates on the qualities that men carry with them from cradle to grave, marks that do not change and by which he can always be identified. These marks are his signature, his physiological autograph, so to speak, and this autograph cannot be counterfeited, nor can he disguise it or hide it away, nor can it become illegible by the wear and mutations of time.. this signature is each man's very own - there is no duplicate of it among the swarming populations of the globe."

Mark Twain is writing here of the fingerprint, then newly demonstrated as the basis of an infallible identification system, but his words apply even more cogently to DNA analysis. There is, though, one important difference: the grave provides no obstacle to the DNA detectives, who can reach back into the very beginnings of time to pluck out their information.

Already they have taken a new look at the Egyptian muramies, and isolated DNA from bees preserved in amber 25 million years ago. The hairy mammoth, frozen to death in a Siberian swamp, can be anatomised in his absence by the patterns of his DNA. The slow evolution of mitochondrial DNA, which passes only through the maternal line, has been used to produce the seductive theory that we are all descended from a woman who lived in Africa millions of years ago, though revisionists now argue that this thesis is rather too good to be true. More recent history can also be turned

round by the forensic scientist's skill. In Argentina, where hundreds of children were left orphaned by the murder of their parents by a military government in the 1970s. DNA analysis has been used to re-unite at least 50 of them with their grandparents. The commemoration of another war with a tomb of an unknown warrior, known only "unto God", may have become impossible. DNA analysis will enable any fallen soldier on the battlefield to be identified.

The most potent application of the technique, however, comes in the studies of human society. Theories of the spread of language, of agriculture, or of the races of man can now all be put to the acid test. By analysing the ebb and flow of genes across the continents, humanity will understand its own past more precisely than even the most demanding historian could ever have wished. History is at last becoming an exact science.

#### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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#### Post-mortem on the day that sterling hit the exchange-rate floor

From Mr Howard Epstein

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Sir, Now that it is clear that our government has totally ruined the economy, it is hard to see who or what they can blame. Not, surely, the unions, for they have been enfeebled; nor Labour, without a sniff of power for 13 years; nor the "workers", whose productivity, where there is productive capacity left, is good and strike-record even better; nor international forces. for they have not conspired to damage stronger economies; nor shortage of capital, after selling off the state industries; nor lack of liquidity, after the free-flowing of North Sea oil

Who, then, has erred?

Yours etc., HOWARD EPSTEIN. 1 Great Cumberland Place, W1. September 16.

From Professor Richard Dale

Sir. The government's economic policies have failed the nation on a disastrous scale and some examination of the path it has followed is surely justified.

Fundamental economic objectives appear to have shifted erratically. For instance, in the aftermath of the 1987 stock market crash the authorities improdently hastened to cut interest rates for fear that there might be a slump. Yet now that we are experiencing the worst slump since the 1930s. the government is prepared to raise

The government has adopted, and then discarded, a succession of exclusive policy targets. In the early 1980s it was the money supply; in the mid to late 1980s it was the budgetary balance; and until yesterday it was the exchange rate.

At the height of the 1980s boom we were told about the prospects for continuing tax cuts, the defeat of stopgo and the emergence of a miracle economy - language calculated to enthuse consumers and businessmen alike. Then, when the economy moved into deep recession, we heard about the government's determination to eliminate inflation altogether, to cut government spending and to defend the value of the pound, come what may.

Perhaps the most puzzling aspect of the present crisis is the prime minister's willingness to bet his govern-

ment's future against a deutschmarkpound exchange rate over which he has no control. Perhaps it is not unfair to suggest that he is the biggest speculator of them all.

Yours sincerely. R. S. DALE University of Southampton, Department of Accounting and Management Science, Highfield, Southampton SO9 5NH. September 17.

From Mr Austin Mitchell, MP for Great Grimsby (Labour)

Sir, How ironic that the Europeans have saved us from our traditional British folly of hanging on to an overvalued exchange rate until we have damaged the economy so much that we make the indefensible totally untenable

Now that we're back in the real world we should recognise that the pound has some way to fail to a compensive level. We cannot put all our resources back to work until we shed that incubus.

What we should do is: halve interest rates; let the pound find its market level - one where further speculation will be on a rise not a fall; then a clean float as we expand the economy, just as Ted Heath did when he left the European currency "snake" in 1972.

You cannot impose European unity by monetary means. To do so is to misunderstand the exchange rate's role as a market-dearing mechanism. Electorates won't accept bad as a prelude to worse, however stupid their politicians, and to advocate a return to the ERM is a failure to understand what has happened. That system forces us to reward speculation and to damage the real economy.

There seems little point in damaging industry in order to testify to a communautaire enthusiasm most of us do not feel. The markets have told us we must rebuild our manufacturing base before we play with the big boys. They're right.

Yours faithfully AUSTIN MITCHELL House of Commons. September 17.

From Mr Stephen Mulliner

Sir, The criticism of the Chancellor and the prime minister in their handling of the sterling crisis is exaggerated. Reluctance to abandon the ERM was laudable and only a tactical novice would suggest that they should have talked or acted differently beforehand. I trust that political wit will ensure that they do not forget to thank Mr Smith and Mr Ashdown

for their unflinching rejection of voluntary devaluation. The prime minister has been wholly right to mount the fiercest possible campaign against inflation and to have used membership of the ERM as a tool to establish an antiinflationary credo that is unprecedented in this country in recent years. He at least recognises the appalling economic consequences of inflation in the context of a rising proportion of

population. There is a vital difference between voluntarily adopting devaluation as an easy solution and being forced into it. Only in the latter circumstances can an anti-inflationary strategy retain credibility.

long-lived pensioners within the

Yours faithfully. STEPHEN MULLINER, Witherden, Weydown Road, Haslemere, Surrey. September 17.

From Lord Campbell of Alloway, QC

Sir. Lord Boyd-Carpenter's letter (September 16) affords a refushing reminder of the inexorable law of economics which ordains that, in an export trade balance, demand and supply of goods and services will in the long run be reflected in the exchange rate for the currency.

The Rome treaty envisaged economic revival for Europe, full employment, an enhanced standard of living: not recession in which each state would have to fend for itself at the expense of other member states. The reunification of Germany was not envisaged. The consequences of reunification were not foreseen, If a proverbial spanner has been cast into the financial markets, the exchangerate mechanism and European monetary union, so be it. At least this assertion of German dominance will have dampened federalist ardour and the aspirations of M Delors.

A "yes" vote in the French referendum could give not only a welcome boost of confidence but also some temporary respite for sterling if measures were to be introduced to restore

the balance of trade. As Lord Boyd-Carpenier has truly said ", ... tying the pound to a strict parity with other currencies is clearly disadvantageous".

2 King's Bench Walk, Temple, EC4.

September 16.

City University Business School, Frobisher Crescent. Barbican Centre, EC2. September 17.

From Mr Paul Simpson

Sir. No commercial enterprise would allow the chairman and a director who had so badly managed its affairs to continue in office. If John Major and Norman Lamont do not resign they should be forced out of office by

Yours faithfully, PAUL SIMPSON. 15 Bancroft Avenue, Cheadle Hulme, Cheadle, Cheshire,

From Mr Anthony Pearce

Yours faithfully, ANTHONY PEARCE, Access EEIG. Queen Elizabeth Conference Centre,

Yours faithfully, NIGELS. SLOAM.

Business letters, page 23

#### Taxis and minicabs

From Mr Geoffrey Trotter

Sir, The conflict in London between taxis and minicabs (Saturday Review, September 5) cannot be settled on the

SUCCES. Cab drivers are rightly incensed. Taxis must conform to the rigorous standards laid down by the police, but any ordinary citizen can set up in business by using the family car as a minicab. Minicabs now outnumber taxis by two to one; if nothing is done, London's world-famous black cab service will be in jeopardy.

We propose a single-tier licensing system, with all vehicles and drivers wishing to provide a taxi service in the capital having to conform to a single set of standards over a given time-scale. This would involve a levelling up to agreed standards which would be enforced by the Public Carriage Office, ensuring safer, more efficient personal public transport in London.

The minister responsible at the Department of Transport, Mr Steven Norris, is currently considering evidence from a working party which did at least bring both sides together for the first time. There are now clear indications that there is sufficient common ground between the leaders of the two trades to try and solve this problem once and for all.

Yours faithfully. GEOFFREY TROTTER (Chairman), London Taxi Board, 1-3 Brixton Road, SW9.

#### Private hospitals

From the Chief Executive of BUPA Sir, Mr George Foster (letter, September 15) said that "anyone reading the report on medical fees and a possible

'cartel' could be forgiven for being puzzled as to where the cartel actually

Totally erroneous information often causes puzzlement. Mr Foster stated that "BUPA owns over 50 per cent of the private hospitals in the UK". BUPA actually owns 29 out of 210 acute private hospitals. By any measure this is neither a monopoly nor anything like 50 per cent of the total.

In addition, BUPA Hospitals Ltd is managed quite separately from the insurance division of BUPA and there is no question of the two jointly determining rates. The insurance arm, BUPA Membership, negotiates with the BUPA hospitals on the same basis as it does with around 900 other hospitals providing private treatment. Similarly, our hospitals have to negotiate with over 20 insurance companies, including BUPA.

There is a great deal of misinformation circulating about the private health sector at present. Hopefully, one result of the Monopolies and Mergers Commission enquiry will be to dear up some of the facts.

Yours faithfully PETER A. JACOBS (Chief Executive). BUPA, Provident House, Essex Street, WC2.

#### Call for UN lead in Somali lands

From Mr Terence Gavaghan

Sir, Contrary to the dreadful evidence of factional in-fighting in pursuit of national domination, the Somali people are exceptionally homogeneous in ethnic origin, lineal descent, language, territory, nomadic dependence and socio-religious observance.

That pride in their traditional systems has not been eradicated is attested by the continuing respect accorded to clan-family leaders, or ugas, who are being utilised by the indispensable voluntary agencies in the field (report, September 1).

The postwar vision of a "Greater Somalia", symbolised by the fivepointed white star on a national flag of United Nations blue, may have faded, but there will remain an imperative need for close co-operation between the separate pieces. If there is not, cross-border conflicts will inevitably flare up between the divided clans, some of which have been

uprooted from their areas of origin and spread across different political entities with divergent interests.

There is need for an immediate and thorough analysis, over the whole oread of Somali-occupied lands, of the indigenous and other local administrative instruments which can offer a framework for control and stability, managed by their own people, in their own way, for their own salvation. Action to this end might well be

initiated and co-ordinated by the new UN department of humanitarian affairs, in close consultation with Somali representatives from all quarters, voluntary agencies in the field and the International Red Cross.

TERENCE GAVAGHAN (Chairman, UN commission for the administrative integration of the Somali republic, 1962-3), 62 Hotham Road, SW15.

Animal rights From Mr Stan Blackley

Sir, Bernard Levin, in "Animal rights and wrongs" (September 10), finds it "strange" that the Australian government hesitates to cull the kangaroo "in serious numbers". This year, I understand, it has licensed the killing of a record 5.2 million kangaroos lover a quarter of Australia's total kangaroo population). The authorities of New South Wales plan to legalise the eating of kangaroo meat. (It is already eaten in Tasmania and Southern Australia.)

Mr Levin also states "that nobody ever suggests eating a monkey, let alone an ape": yet primates are eaten every day in (among other places) Indonesia and the Philippines. I doubt whether Mr Levin "ranks equal with Leonardo da Vinci, Beethoven and Shakespeare" as he so modestly suggests: in Leonardo's words: The day will come when men such as I will look upon the murder of animals as we now look upon the murder of men.

STAN BLACKLEY (Assistant Campaigns Officer), Advocates for Animals. 10 Queensferry Road, Edinburgh 2.

From Mr A. F. Graham Sir, Mr Levin defended the idea that animals are inferior with a fanaticism

to equal the Animal Rights camp-

Shorter hospital stays

From Mr J.-H. Scurr

September 7) should not be associated with a greater incidence of medicolegal claims. Where claims have been made, they are inaviably associated with poor patient selection (some patients being unsuitable for short stay or day care surgery), poor surgical technique or inadequate follow-up

aigners he condemned. His argument was that animals "are obviously 'lesser' in a real sense — the sense being the place on the ladder of what the creature can achieve". It was better put by Bertrand Russell: Organic life, we are told, has developed gradually from the protozoon to the philosopher, and this development, we are

protozoon, who gives us this assurance (Mysticism and Logic, ch. 6). Judging something outside one's standards by one's own standards will naturally lead to condemnation. This is the basis of racialism and raises the question how much one may properly exploit the weak.

assured, is indubitably an advance. Un-fortunately it is the philosopher, not the

Yours sincerely. ADRIAN GRAHAM. 39 Alexandra Road, Epsom, Surrey.

From Mr R. J. Mehta

Sir, It is exactly because human beings are the highest form of life and the only species capable of compassion that they are expected to care for all other lower forms of life. including animals. The ancient Jain religion, which influenced Gandhi in his non-violent movement, extends this compassion even to insects and vegetation.

RAJNIKANT J. MEHTA. 18 Leigh Court, Byron Hill Road, Harrow on the Hill, Middlesex.

Sir. Shorter hospital stays (report Yours sincerely,

arrangements. All these problems and complications are avoidable and should not deter the development of day surgery or shorter hospitalisation. This trend has indeed led to many improvements in patient care, at the same time improving the efficiency

JOHN SCURR (Consultant surgeon). The Middlesex Hospital. Mortimer Street, W1.

I am, Sir, your obedient servant, CAMPBELL of ALLOWAY,

From Professor Gordon Pepper

Sir, Devaluation alone does not work. Devaluation accompanied by control of the money supply does. An immediate adoption of a credible system of monetary control would restore confidence and allow interest rates to come down.

Yours faithfully, GORDON PEPPER,

their fellow parliamentarians.

September 17.

Sir. Of course, all of this could not have happened within a single currency under economic and monetary

Westminster, SW1. September 17.

From Mr N. S. Sloam

Sir, Can we now have our prime minister back?

West Heath Avenue, NWII.

#### Herbal remedies

From the President, National

Institute of Medical Herbalists Sir. Your report, "Herbal teas linked with liver deaths" (September 11), raises the serious issue of the need for support and money for clinical re-

search into plant medicines. Although a quarter of all presentday drugs have a plant origin, most of the medical profession are alienated from this tradition of presenting herbal remedies. Individual remedies must of

course, be subject to proper scientific scrutiny, but we must beware the undermining of herbal medicine as a discipline in its own right. Herbal practitioners are guardians

of a priceless tradition. Yours faithfully. MICHAEL MOINTYRE. President. National Institute of Medical Herbalists. 9 Palace Gate, Exeter, Devon. September 14.

#### **Europe and BST**

From the European Commissioner

for Transport Sir. Contrary to your report of September 5, the European Commission's intention is not to "fix deadlines" for British summer time, nor have I ever said that "Britain might have to come into line with the rest of the EC" in this respect.

which they change their time, in order to avoid confusion in the transport sector and inconvenience for the traveller. It remains, as it has always been, the responsibility of the member states themselves to decide whether or not they apply summer time and to

My only concern is to propose to the

member states measures to ensure

harmonisation of the period during

choose the time they wish. All we are doing is to coordinate at the specific request of member states. Yours faithfully. KAREL VAN MIERT. Commission of the European Communities,

B-1049 Brussels, Belgium.

Booker price From Mr F. G. Benson

Rue de la Loi 200.

Sir, Since, as your correspondent points out (letter, September 12), the price for each novel on the Booker short list is one irritating penny short of EI 5, would it not be appropriate for

Yours faithfully. FREDDIE BENSON. 190 Stockingstone Road, Luton, Bedfordshire.

the prize itself to be £19,999?

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#### **COURT CIRCULAR**

**BALMORAL CASTLE** September 17: The King and Queen of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan visited The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh today.

**BUCKINGHAM PALACE** September 17: The Prince Edward. Patron, this evening attended the National Youth Theatre of Great Britain's produc tion of Maggie May at the Royalty, Theatre, London WC2.

Mrs Richard Warburton was in

KENSINGTON PALACE September 17: The Princess of Wales, Patron, British Red Cross Youth, this morning visited the Red Cross National Headquarters, 9 Grosvenor Crescent, London

Mr Patrick Jephson was in

ST JAMES'S PALACE September 17. The Duke of Kent.

Chairman of the National Electronics Council, today received The Duchess of Kent this morning visited the Royal British Legion Village and Community Centre, Aylesford, Kent.

This afternoon Her Royal Highness attended a Citizenship Seminar, County Hall, Maidstone. Mrs Julian Tomkins was in attendance.

The Duke of Kent, Patron of the London Philharmonic, this evening attended a concert to mark the launch of the Orchestra's residency and the opening of the South Bank Centre's 1992/93 concert season at the Royal Festival Hall, London SE1.

Commander Roger RN, was in attendance

#### Birthdays today

Lord Ackner, 72: Mr Ray Alan, ventriloquist, 62: Mr Geoff Baxter, jockey, 46: Mr Anthony Beadles, headmaster-elect. Epsom College, 52. Colonel Sir Thomas Butler. former resident governor. HM Tower of London. 82: Mr Jack Cardiff, film director and cameraman, 78; the Earl of Clancarty, 81; Mr Niall Crowley, former chair man, Allied Irish Banks. 60; Miss Siobhan Davies, choreograp Robin Fleming, chaliman, Robert Fleming Holdings, 60: Sir Thomas Hetherington, QC, for-mer Director of Public Prosecutions. 66: Sir Curtis Keeble, diplomat, 70: Dr Marjorie Mowlam, MP, 43: Sir Cyril Pickard, diplomar, 75; Mr Derek Pringle, cricketer, 34; Lord Rodger of Earlsferry, QC, 48: Mr Peter Shilton, footballer, 43: Mr J.M Stoddart, principal, Sheffield City Polytechnic, 54; Professor Dorothy Wedderburn, former principal, Royal Holloway and Bedford New College, 67.

#### The British Library London Services

Due to expected industrial action on Friday, September 18, 1992, there will be no reader services in the following:

British Library Reading Rooms, Great Russell Street, WC1: British Library Information Sciences Ser vice. Ridgmount Street, WC1: Science Reference and Information Service. Aldwych Reading Room, Kean Street. London, WC2; Foreign Patents Room, Chancery House, WC2: National Colindale Avenue, NW9: Oriental and India Office Collections, 197 Blackfriars Road, SEI. Informa tion 071-323 7111.

#### Today's royal engagement

The Duchess of Kent, patron, will attend the annual conference of the Samaritans in York at 11.30.

#### Albanian Consul

Mr Alexander Duma has been appointed Honorary Consul of the Republic of Albania in London.

#### Luncheons

Zaiwalla & Co. Solicitors Mr Sarosh Zaiwalla, Senior Partner of Zaiwalia & Co. Solicitors, 95A Chancery Lane, London, gave a luncheon on Wednesday. September 16, at the Law Society in honour of Madam Ruhiyyih Rabbani, the last surviving member of the family of Bahaullah, the founder of the Bahai faith, on the occasion of the opening of an exhibition organised by the British Museum to commemorate the centenary of the passing of Bahaullah. Others present were:

lah. Others present were:

The High Commissioner for Bangladesh. Lord Williams of Mostyn. QC. Chairman of the Bar Council, Sir John Cope. MP. Paymaster General. Mr Reith Vaz. MP. Mr Gong Genggan. Head of Chancery, Embassy of the People's Republic of China. Mr Mahur Krishnamoorthy, Executive Director. Bharattya Vidya Bhavan. Mr Alizabb Bachehan, Chairman. The Affinam Asachehan, Chairman. The Affinam Anderson, Dr Wendy Momen. Mrs Judith Unwin. Mr H S Narula. Mr Javab Pasha. Mr S Gourlearia. General Secretary. India League, Mrs Anabel Lloyd. Mr Peter Havey, Mrs Cilida Walker. Mrs Com Barciay. Mr Sunil Rohra, Miss Jyoth Murstiff and Mr Michael Hartlela.

National Sporting Club Mr Bob Willis, Chairman of the National Sporting Club, presided at a luncheon held yesterday at its neadquarters at the Cafe Royal The guest of honour and princips speaker was Mr Graham Gooch.

#### Oundle School

On Saturday, October 17, 1992, Qundle School will be celebrating the Centenary of the appointment of F.W. Sanderson to the Those wishing to attend should please contact the Headmaster's Secretary, Oundle, Peterborough, PE8 4EN (0832 273536). The School is hoping to welcome as many Old Oundelians and friends of the School as possible, particularly those who remember Oundle in Sanderson's time.

#### The Royal College of Anaesthetists

The Lord Mayor of London, Sir. Brian Jenkins, visited the Council of the College on September 14 and was welcomed by the Presi-dent, Professor A.A. Spence, Also present were Sir Peter Gadsden. Sir Ian Morrow, Mr George



The statue of Oliver Cromwell, Lord Protector, which stands outside the Palace of Westminster, yesterday receiving its annual cleaning, warts and all

#### Racism

#### Warning of a polarised society

By Ruth Gledhill religion correspondent

RACISM and ethnic intolerance could polarise British society, a Christian and a Jewish leader have said. Rabbi Hugo Gryn, of the West London synagogue, and the Bishop of Bath and Wells. the Right Rev Jim Thompson. co-chairmen of the Inter Faith Network, say in the network's annual report published yesterday that the changing nature of British society is reflected in the increasing

demands made on the net-

work for advice and guidance.

They report: "Strong and dan-

gerous currents threaten to polarise our society. The network has an ever more important role to play in counteracting the spiritually and socially destructive expressions of racism and religious and ethnic intolerance."

A working group of differ-ent faiths has been formed to produce guidelines on what kinds of evangelism are appropriate in a multi-faith society and how legitimate it is to seek to convert someone who is already committed to another faith. The working party will consider whether there should be "no poaching" agreements between different faiths, and whether evangelism is an unacceptable intrusion on others. The report came as leaders

of different faiths opened a £5 million multi-faith hospice in Woodside Avenue, North Finchley, north London, providing free day and in-patient Care.

A conference in Leicester today will debate the role of faith in solving environmental problems.

#### Memorial service

Licutenant-Colonel Dennis Morgan

A service of thanksgiving for the life of Lieutenant-Colonel Dennis Morgan was held yesterday at St Lawrence Jewry-next-Guildhall. The Rev David Burgess officiated, assisted by the Rev Basil Watson. Mr David Morgan, son, read the lesson. Colonel F.C.E. Bye read

an extract from Pilgrim's Progress by John Bunyan and Air Commodore R.H.G. Weighill gave an address. Among those present

Mrs Morgan (widow), Miss Judith Morgan (daughter), Mrs David Morgan (daughter-in-law), Mrs John Howorth (sister), Mr David Howorth. Lieutenant-General Sir Steuart and Lady Pringle, General Sir Ian and Lady Pringle, General Sir Ian and Lady Pringle, General Sir Ian and Lady Gourlay, Sir Peter Yarranton Ichairman, Sports Council). Sir Kenneth Cross (RAF Eughy Union). Lady Heilings, Major-General Sir Jeremy Moore (president, Royal Marines Association) with Colonel Richard Preston (chairman); Capiain Peter Harnes (president, RMA Hanworth) and Mrs Harnes with Mr Frederick Manhews (representing the vice-president); Colonel Gerry Wells-Cole (representing the Commandant General, Royal Marines), Mr Alan Saunders (Secretary, 40 Commando RM (1942-1946) Association).

Mr Danie Sertontein (president, Lieutenant-General Sir Steuart and

RM (1942-1946) Association).

Mr Danie Serfontein (president, Rugby Football Union), Mr Cameron Boyle (Scottish Rugby Union, also representing London Scottish FC). Mr John Richardson (Warwickshire RU), Mr John Richardson (Warwickshire RU), Mr Joyle (president, Hampshire RFU) and Mrs Boyle, Mr David Straw (London and South East Division RFU), Mr Peter Hughes (Lancashire RFU, also representing Preston Grasshoppers RFC), Mr Ian Beer (Cambridge University RUFC), Mr Bill Pearse (Somerser RFC), Captain A P Hallett (chairman, RN and RM RU) and Mrs Hallett, Mr Micky Steele-Bodger (president, Barbarian FC) and Mrs Stoele-Bodger, Mr D K Brookes (president, Harlequin FC) and Mrs Stookes, Lleutenant-Colonel Michael Dickirson föld Crosbean Association).

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Mr John Richardson (Wavell Wakefield Trust), Mr Alan Payne (Payne and Gunter), Mr Mario Azzoni (London Hilton on Park Lane) with Mr Vincent Zalatio, Major-General Robert Houghton. Major-General and Mrs Bob Loudoun, Mr David Cathcart, Mr Michael Cathcart. Mr and Mrs E B williams. Mr Tom Prentice. Dr and Mrs Tomper Sand Mrs Peter Wilkinson. Mrs Esme Bennett and Mrs F C E Bye.

#### Dinner

Company of Tobacco Pipe Makers and Tobacco Blen

The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress, accompanied by the Sheriffs and their ladies, attended a dinner given last night at Saddlers' Hall by the Company of Tobacco Pipe Makers and Tobacco Blenders. The Master presided and the Lord Mayor and Sir Colin Cole also spoke. Among others present were:

Lord Donaldson of Lymington and Dame Mary Donaldson, Lady Cole, the Recorder of London, the Common serjeant of the City of London, the Prime Warden of the Baskermakers' Company, the Master of the Clockornakers' Company and the Master of the Chartered Secretaries' and Administrators' Company and

#### Latest wills

Mr Alan Gerald Howard, of St of Etam, the clothes retailer, left estate valued at £1,091,320 net. Mr Reginald Marshall Dixon, of Worthing, West Sussex, left estate valued at £1,203.566 net.

#### Marriage

Mr L. Chester-Musier and Miss J. Dart

The marriage took place on Saturday, September 12, 1992, in Devon, of Mr Luke Chester-Master, second son of Mr and Mrs R. Chester-Master, of Cirencester, and Miss Julianna Dart, daughter of Mr and Mrs J. Dart, of Exeter.

#### Forthcoming marriages

Mr P. Kester

and Miss H.M. Clarke

Mr S.M. McCelloch

and Miss P.A. Jones

The engagement is announced ween Paul youngest son of Mr

D.W. Kesterton, of Thornton.

Liverpool and Mrs M. Kesterton.

of Great Crosby, and Helen, eldest daughter of Dr P.C. Clarke, of Halesworth and Mrs A. Clarke, of

The engagement is announced between Stuart son of Mr and

Mrs James McCulloch, of Berkhamsted, Henfordshire, and

Penny, daughter of Mr and Mrs Roy Jones, of Sydney, Australia.

The engagement is announced between Nicholas, elder son of Mr C.J. Marsh, of Marcham and Mrs

J. Offen, of Woodstock, and Catherine, second daughter

of Professor and Mrs J.G. Ledingham, of Oxford.

The engagement is announced between Nicholas, youngest son of Mr A.F. Money-Kyrle, of Whetham, Calne, and Mrs S.M. Money-Kyrle, of Cambridge, and Gillian, daughter of Mr and Mrs A.T. Perry, of Harrow, Middlesex.

The engagement is announced between John, son of Mr and Mrs

G.D.W. Odgers, of West Malling,

Kent, and Romayne, younger daughter of Air Vice-Marshal K.A.

Campbell, reid, and Mrs Campbell, of Great Missenden,

The engagement is announced between Allan, son of Mr and Mrs W. M. Reason, of

Northamptonshire, and Alison, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs V.G. Taylor, of London, W14.

The engagement is announced between Charles, elder son of Captain and Mrs P.A. Woodburn, of Chesham, Buckinghamshire.

and Valerie, only daughter of Mr A.L. McKibbon and the late Mrs

McKibbon, of Ottawa, Canada.

Mr NJ, Marsh and Miss C.E. Ledingham

Mr N.A. Money-Kyrle

and Miss G.R. Perry

Mr J.A. Odgers and Miss L.R. Campbell

and Dr A.M.C. Taylor

Mr C.N. Woodburn and Miss V.L. McKibbon

Mr C.O. Bailard

and Miss V.S. Norrington The engagement is announced between Christopher Oliver. youngest son of the late Mr Kenneth Ballard and of Mrs S.A. Ballard, of Whitchurch on Thames, Oxfordshire, and Victoria Sacha, only daughter of Mrs S. Norrington, of Newmarket, Suffolk, and Mr J. Norrington, of Sonning on Thames, Berkshire. Mr J. Clark

and Miss J. Thomas
The engagement is announced between Jonathan, only son of Mrs. Jenny Clark and the late Mr David Clark, of Westbourne, Dorset, and Julie, daughter of Mr and Mrs N.V. Thomas, of St Ives,

Mr J.A.S. Crawford and Miss C.M.C. Eyre The engagement is announced between James Alastair Seton.

Crawford, of Compton Bishop, Somerset, and Chantal Mary Clarissa, elder daughter of the Dean of Exeter and Mrs Richard Eyre, of Exeter.

Mr O.F.J. Fisher and Miss J.F. Etherington The engagement is announced between Oliver, son of Mr and Mrs Frank Fisher, and Jer daughter of Mr Andrew Etherington and Mrs Jeannette

and Miss H.C. Stevenson The engagement is announced between lain, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Michael Henderson, of Lamberhurst, Kent, and Helo only daughter of Mr James Sievenson, of Belgravia, London,

Mr M.J. Henderson and Miss A. Coyne The engagement is announced between Michael, son of Mr and Mrs Ronald Henderson, of Colinton Road, Edinburgh, and Alison, daughter of Mr and Mrs Denis Coyne, of Ashton on Mersey, Sale, Cheshire.

Mr N.R. Holder The engagement is announced between Nicholas, elder son of Mr and Mrs J.E. Holder, of Shepparion, Australia, and Julia. Shepparron, Austrain, and Juna. eldest daughter of Mr R.S. Pearson, of Sharnbrook, Bedfordshire and Mrs H.M. Pearson, of Bedford.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Gilbert Burnet, bishop

of Salisbury 1689-1715, Edin-burgh, 1643: Samuel Johnson, Lichfield, Staffordshire, 1709; William Collins, landscape

painter, London, 1788: John Diefenbaker, prime minister of

Canada 1957-63, Grey County, Ontario, 1895; Greta Garbo, Stockholm, 1905; Peter Sellera,

DEATHS: Matthew Prior, poet,

William Harlim, escryist, London, 1830: Francis Herbert Bradley,

philosopher, Oxford, 1924; Dag

Hammasskjold, secretary-general of the UN, killed in an air crash,

Ndola, Zambia. (961; Sean O'Casey, dramatist, Torquay, 1964; Sir John Cockroft, physicist,

Nobel laureate 1951, Cambridge, 1967: Jimi Hendrix, pop mu-

Only part of the contents of Sandon Hall, Staffordshire (not all, as reported on Wednesday) will

sidan, London, 1970.

Sandon Hall

be auctioned next month.

#### **Appointments**

Sir Brian Fall, Ambasandor at Moscow, to be additionally Ambassador (non-resident) to Kazakhstan.

Dr Elizabeth Nelson to be Chief Trust for Caren.

Mrs Claire Tomalin and Sir David Scholey to be trustees of the National Portrait Gallery, in succession to the Duke of Grafton and Lord Sieff of Brimpton.

Mr Philip Wood, Group Financial Controller and Director of Treasury at Reuters, to be a member of the School Examinations and Assessment Council. Mns Antises Jane Chesmer Brazier to be a joint District Judge at the Oldham, Stockport and

Tameside county courts and in the district registry of the High Court at Oldham and Stockport, from October 5.

Mr Ian James Pickup to be a joint District Judge at the Burnley, Blackburn, Accrington and Nelson county courts and in the district registry of the High Court at Burnley and Blackburn, from October 5.

LEGAL NOTICES

IN THE MATTER OF
THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
I EDWARD JOHN WACEY OF
BUCHET Phillips & CO., 34 Graevenor Street, London WIX 9DF,
was on 2nd September 1992
appointed Trustee in Bankruptcy
of the above debtor.
Dasked 9th September 1992
E J WACEY
TRUSTEE IN BANKRUFTCY

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#### Telephone 071 481 4000

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### Telefax 071 782 7827

#### knew of you then only by report, but now I see you with my own eyes. There-fore I yield, repenting in dust and ashes. Job 42 . 6,6 REG

BATESON - On September 14th, to Rachel thee Swanni and Jamle, a beautiful daughter, Hona Ann Milersey.

CHERRIE - On September 13th, to Erica thee Shettont and lan, a son, Edward Charles Luke

CLARKE - On September 1st. to Ann thee Gledhill and Marint a son, Claran John DE VOS - On September 13th 1992, to Kale thee Willist and Jan, a son, Our Leonard Jaines, a brother for Torn

DIXON - On September 12th, in Stephanie mée Little) and Simon. a son. Oliver John Kenneth.

FALLSTRÖM - On September 4th to Leonie (née Rau) and Erik a daughter, Lara Grace, a sister for Max HARVEY - On September Listh at Abordeen Maternity Hospital, to Francesca mee Marintyret and Roderick, a son, Mark Calum Francis, a brother for Emma and Catriona

KRZYWKOWSKI On August 31st at the Mailida Hospital. Hone Kons. to Yvonne ince Stocki and John. a daughter, Natalite Victoria and a son. Nicholas Charles Combined tweight. 11th; 20zt

MARN - On September 12th, lo Lisa (nee Rentoul) and Julian, a son, Louis William.

MASTERS - On September 11th 1992, to Stephen and Denise a son, Elilot James.

PiNNEY - On September 12th in Dorchesler, to Robert and Alexandra (nee Howlett), a daughter, Victoria STANLEY - On September 14th, to Beverley and Charles, a beautiful daughter Venetia Jane,

STOCKER - On August 27th, to Karen mee Bartlam) and Mark, a son, William Alexan-der Thanks to the L & D

WILLIS - See Do Vos.

BAILHACHE - On Wednesday September 16th 1992, Roy Ernest, O.B.E.. Jurai of the Royal Court of Jersey. The funeral service will inke place in Jersey Donations in lieu of flowers may be sent to the R.N.L.I. Jersey: c/o Mrs B. Lo Fevre, 14 Coastlands, Oreve d'Azeite. St Clements. Jersey. All enquiries to H.W Maillard & Son Ltd., Funeral Directors, tel. 10834: 37291.

BARRAN - On September 16th, Iragically in a motor accident, Tristram, loving and beloved husband of Miranda, faiher of Ferdy Pelrá and Beppo Fimeral at the Church of St Mary, Brent Eleigh, on Tuesday September 22nd at 2 50 pm. A Requiem Mass will be held in London at a date to be announced fater.

BELTON - On September 16th.
Phyllis Mary Bellon,
peacefully in the Bernard
Sumley Nursing Honne.
Woking, aged 97 Greatly
loved mother of Priscilia and
Carristopher: grandmother of
Guy. Joanna. David.
Thomas and Camilla greatgrandmother of Sieven No
fumeral after own request. A
Memorial Service will take
place in May 1993

BOWETT - On September 15th, at home peacefully. John, much loved husband of Drule and falber of Robert, Simon and Colln Funeral Service on Tuesday September 22nd 1992 at 1 50 nm

CAMPBELL - On September 14th Nicol (Reverend) Campbell, peacefully at his home in Cape Town, Michol for Founder of the School of Truth, He will be greatly missed by his many students worldwide He truly served his fellow men.

DOYNE - On September 14th, peacefully. Francis Mervyn, much iowed nushand of the late Ella and father of Niget, Jane and Sana. Funeral Service Methoday September 21st 1992. Chellenham Crematorium 3.30 mm. Family Rowers please, but if desired donallons may be sent to Airheimer's Disease Society. c/o Packer & Stade, 1 City Bank Road. 1 City Bank Road. Cirencester. Glos . let 402854 053825

IMMERSON - On September 14th, after suffering a stroke at Heathrow Airport, Brian, befoved husband of Pat, Formerly Finance Director of The Stock Exchange, Requtem Mass at St Thomas Church, Granville Road, Sevenoaks, on Tuesday September 22nd at 2 pm followed by interment at the Church of St Peter and St Paul, Shoreham, Kent Family flowers only but donations if desired to The Somatia Relief Association. Oxford House, Derbyshire Street, London E2 6HG. Enquiries to W. Hodges & Co., 107321 454457.

ERLEBACH - On September 16th, peacefully at Ashurst Park. Elizabeth Aline. formerly of Hadlow Down, beloved wife of the late John. sister of Margaret Hicks and the late Denys Brown. auni and Godmolher of Laura. Private cremation, to be followed by Thanksgiving Service later Details from Fuller and Scotl, Uckfield, 108251 763241.

FORDYCE - On September 18th, at Mount Vernon Hospital, Hazel Dearly loved wife of Alisair Mother of Stuart, Andrew and Lindsay and 'Gran' to Hilary, Sue and Mark, and to her six grandchildren James and Rosalle. Edward and Charlotte and Jessica and George, whom she loved so much. Service at St Leonards Church. Chesham Bots. Amersham, Bucks, at 12 noon on Tuesday September 22nd. followed by brivate committal Please, family flowers only, but, if thought appropriate, donations to Cancer Research, 38 Shire Lane, Chorleywood, Herts., would be valuable.

GARLICK - On September 15th, peacefully in hospital after a short illness. Frances Esther. aged 72. Beloved wife of John dearly loved mother of Marion, Pamela and Susan, Funeral Service at Northwood Methodisi Church. Caklands Gale. Northwood, Middx, at 11.30 am on September 25rd, followed by family remaition Family flowers only please. Donalloss if desired to Collins Ward. Mount Vernor. Hospital. Northwood. Middx.

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September 16th SANE COLUMN - On September 16th 1992, peacefully after a long litness in Cambridge, Dorothy, sped 57 Funeral private. No flowers by request, Donations if desired to Arthur Rank House, Mill Road, Cambridge,

GORDON - On September 16th, John Gunn Drummond Gordon C.B.E. Beloved Insband of Mary and much loved lather of Angus. Catherine and James. Funeral Service at Tunbridge Weils Crematorium. Tuesday September 22nd at 4 pm. Family flowers only. Donations it desired to Africa In Criss. Enquiries to W. Hodges & Co., Iel: 107321 484457.

HARVARD - On September 17th, peacefully at home, Lestey Clare Harvard, much loved sister of Dorrie and all her friends in Stock

HINCHLIFFE - On September 16th 1992. suddenly but peacefully al home. James Henry (known as Jimmy) aged 67 years, Formerly thirty seven years at The Prince of Wales Theatre London. A member of The Crand Order of Water Rats. Beloved brother of Roy and sister-in-law Carole and loved uncle of Penny and Roy junior. Funeral Service at Colders Green Cremalorium on Thursday September 24th at 12.30 pm followed by a reception at Jack Straws Castle. North End Way. Hampstead Heath. NWS, to which all are welcome. At his special request only family flowers, but please give donations in lieu of flowers to The Entertainments Arists Benevolent Fund C/o Leverion & Sons Ltd. Funeral Directors. 212 Enjertalaments Artists
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Eversholt Street, London
NW1. tet: (971) 387-6075.

HUMPPHREYS On September 15th 1992, Colin Humphreys CMC, of Virginia Water, Strey, Husband of Jill Inke Cranmeri, father of David, Martin and Camilla, Service at Chiefa Chiefa, Virginia Martin and Camilla. Service at Christ Church. Virginia Water. on September 22nd at 11 am. Family Bowers only. Donations if desired to RAF Benevotent Fund. 67 Portland Piace. London W1. Enquiries to Lines Bannister & Co. Ascot, let: (0344) 20266.

LOVERIDGE - On September

16th. at home. Stanley.

much leved husband of

Elizabeth and dear father of

Lisa and Vanessa Former

Sursar at St Marry College.

Strawberry Hill. and St

Paul's College. Newbold

Rebel. Requiem Mass at The

Friary Church. Clevedon.

Avon. Monday September

21st at 10 30 am. No

flowers. Donations if desired

for The Friary Roof Fund.

MACDONALD - On September 14th, peacefully at home after a courageous struggle, Norman Pemberton aged 79 years, beloved husband of Kathleen, dear father of Henry, Bruce and Christopher and much foved grandfather of Sarah, Mark. Victoria and Anionis, Funeral Service at St Paul's Church, Rushtall, Tunbridge Wells, on Thursday September 24th at 2 pm Familiy flowers only. Donational id estired to Chest, Hickmott & Struke c/o E.R. Hickmott & Son. 41 Grove mil Road. Tunbridge Wells.

McBRIDE - On September 16th, ai Frimley Park Hospital, Surrey, after a long Uliness borne with greal courage, irene McBride, aged courage, Irene McBride, aged 68. Beloved wife of Maurice, mother of Julia. Maurice and Mark and grandmother of Conrad and Grandmother of Conrad and Alexandra. Requiem Mass at 10 am on Monday September 21st at the Church of Our Lady. Fleet, followed by Interment at Fleet Cemetery MILLAR - On September 16th, John Harold Dundee, MD. FRCP. at home. Saintfield, Co. Down Dearly loved husband of Shella and loving father of Nicholas, Japet, Andrew, Patrick and Margaret.

at Blackheath Hospital, Ian Trangove Nance. Eitham Crematorium. Crown Woods Way. 10 30 am Tuesday September 22nd Family flowers only. SMITH - On September 16th. at Greenwich. Archibald A aged 87, husband of Gwen, failter of Janet. Richard. Robert and the late Tommy. Funeral Wednesday September 23rd at 3 18 pm at Etham Cromatorium Family flowers only please

WALKER - On September 7th 1992. peacefully all Amersham Hospillal. George Edward Oliver aged 83 years of Beaconsfield. A much loved husband of Dot. Funeral Service at The. Chillerns Crematorium. Whielden Lane. Amersham. Bucks. on Tuesday September 22nd at 11.30 am. Family flowers only. Donations. If desired, in lieu. may be made to The Macmillan Nurses Appeal Fund, 18-19 Britlen Street, London SW3 3TZ. Inquiries to G Smith (Wooburn) Ltd.. Funeral Directors, 7 The Green. Wooburn Creen. 1606 Wycombe. Bucks. Tel. 160621 523566. September 14th 1992, at Flowerdown Nursing Horne, Winchester, Margaret, beloved wife of the late Major General Charles Tarver, Much loved mother, grandmother and greatigrandmother and greatigrandmother Funeral at Sallsbury Crematorium on Thursday September 24th 1992 at 11.30 am. Family flowers only, but donations it testred for Age Concern (/o I N. Newman Lid., Funeral Directors, Griffin House, 55 Winchester Street, Sallsbury, Wills, SP1 14L.

TONGE - On September 16th, suddenly at home. Professor Howard Tonge T.D., M.B.B.S., B.D.S., D.D.S.C., F.D.S.R.C.S., aged 76 years of Jesmond. Dearly loved and forting husband of Helen inde Currie. Would friends please meet at Newcastle Crematorium on Monday September 21st at 1.30 pm. No flowers please.

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IN MEMORIAM -RHYS-WILLIAMS - In loving memory of Juliet Rhys-Williams, D.B.E.. who died September 18th 1964.

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MEMORIAL SERVICES

Mass will be celebrated for Peter Greenham R.A. on October 13th at 11 am at the Brompton Oratory, Sw7.

TAYLOR - A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Carolyn will take place at Crust Courch, Coldmanour, on Thursday September 24th 1992 at 2.30 pm.

MINISPEAR - A Memorial

WINSPEAR A Memorial Service will be held for Arthur Chirnside Winspear. at St Lawrence Jewry-next-Guildhait, Gresham Street, London EC2, on Thursday October 8th at 12 noon. LEGAL NOTICES

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SWINK .

COLOGY (c) The study of birds' eggs, from the Greek oon an egg + logor: "One cannot," he said with a triteness that surprised him only when it was too late to retreat from the location, "make an omelette without breaking eggs." She replied "We're concerned less with cology than herology, if there is such a term."

PHOTIC (a) Having to do with light, from the Greek phot, photos light: "A small patch of countryside kept floating before my eyes like some photic illusion."

(b) The apocope of effable, utterable, speakable, explainable, from the Latin effuri to utter: "An emblem for the undiscerned, the un-effed, the latent. For instance, the etymology of a thing's name, evoking within its name's sound the successive ways in which humans try to atter it."

(a) To labour, toll, work hard, exert oneself, from the OE swincus; Shelley: "That dew which the guomes drink/When at their subterranean toll they swink."

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#### **OBITUARIES**

#### PIERRE SERGENT

Pierre Sergent, one of the leaders of the Organisation Armée Secrète (OAS), the clandestine (errorist organisation which tried to keep Algeria part of France, died in Paris on September 15 aged 66. He was born on June 30, 1926.

PIERRE Sergent was twice sentenced to death in his absence for his terrorist activities, but was amnestied in 1968 and went on to become a member of parliament for the extreme-right National Front party. A former paratrooper. passionate anti-communist, and zealous patriot like Jean-Marie Le Pen. Sergent was nevertheless uncomfortable with the party's racist attitudes

and its neo-fascist tendencies.
Indeed, as a teenager dur-Indeed, as a teenager dur-ing the Nazi occupation of France he had dorined a yellow star as a mark of solidarity with his Jewish com-rades, before joining the French Resistance at the age

Born at Sèvres, outside Paris, into a middle-class family, Sergent was sent to two of the



most prestigious Parisian lycees before attending the elite. officer-training academy of St Cyr after the war. On graduating, he immediately signed up with the French Foreign Legion, and was sent out to fight in the French colonial war in Indo-China. He was decorated for his bravery after being seriously injured during a military operation in central Vietnam in 1953.

But more than the physical injury, it was the humiliation of military defeat at the hands of Ho Chi Minh's forces and of seeing France thrown out of Indo-China in 1954 which was to leave an indelible mark on Sergent. The war in Algeria, to which he was now sent. continuation of the Indo-China war - another combat against Moscow-backed colonial insurgence. Sergent could not bring himself to accept General de Gaulle's "abandonment" of French Algeria. and in April 1961 joined other French army officers in an attempted putsch against the general in Algiers.

It was Sergent's company of paratroopers from the Foreign Legion's first parachute regiment which spearheaded the operation. When the putsch collapsed a few days later, Sergent felt his whole world had been shattered. What to do and where to go? There was obviously no chance of reintegration into the French army.

So Sergent did what most of the other army rebels did joined the OAS and went underground, with the aim of continuing the struggle to keep Algeria French. In June 1961 Sergent was sent to Paris to set up an OAS organisation in metropolitan France.

Under Sergent's direction, the OAS embarked on a campaign of bombings of buildings, daubing walls with graffiti and sending threatening letters (in an attempt to extort funds), but sought to avoid causing physical injury or death. However, there were other Independent terrorist groups, affiliated to the OAS, who neither took orders from Sergent nor informed him of their much more violent operations. Instead of bringing support for the OAS cause, the maimings and killings and repeated attacks on General de Gaulle's life, carried out in the OAS's name, turned the French against l'algérie

française. Sergent protested that the commandos were not acting under his orders, but was nevertheless sentenced to death in his absence in 1962 and again in 1964). He went into hiding, living under various pseudonyms in Belgium, Switzerland, Holland and Germany for the next six years until his amnesty in 1968. He nevertheless continued

to give interviews and to make anti-Gaullist statements from abroad, insisting from 1964 that "De Gaulle is virtually dead, both physically and politically", and backing Francois Mitterrand, the socialist candidate, in the 1965 presidential elections.

During his exile, he also began writing books, mostly based on his experience in the Foreign Legion, including one published after his return to France called la Légion Saute sur Kolwezi, which was made into a film. More than a dozen of his books have been

In 1983 Sergent joined a small extreme-right party called the Centre National des indépendants et Paysans, before joining the National Front two years later. In 1986 he entered parliament, along with 34 other National Front members, as a deputy for the Pyrénées Orientales in the south-west of France, but lost his seat in the general election

He continued to represent the National Front on the municipal council of Perpignan, one of the party's strongholds, and was elected in March this year on to the Languedoc-Roussillon's regional council. He also served on the National Front's national executive committee, but publicly disagreed with a number of its positions, including its pro-Saddam Hussein stance during the Gulf

War. He leaves a wife and four children.

#### **RODERICK JONES**

were Arnold Matters, proba-

bly his superior in comic roles, and Frederick Sharp. Later came a rugged Welshman, Peter Glossop, to maintain the Wells's tradition of notable

baritones. The name of Jones

was a mark of reliability on the

Wells's cast list: often the name of Roderick followed to distin-

guish him from Rowland

Jones, a fellow Welshman and

regular tenor partner in Ital-

It was natural that another

**RUTH NELSON** 

emerging company, the

this month), John Garfield,

Elia Kazan, Harold Clurman,

Stella Adler and Lee

Strasberg, all intent on bring-

ing new psychological in-sights, naturalistic style and

political content to a largely

Nelson was in the original

cast of Clifford Odets's Wait-

ing For Lefty, which achieved a moment of theatrical history

on its opening night in 1935 when the audience gave the

cast and play an extraordinary 45-minute ovation. "When

they couldn't applaud any

more, they stomped their feet," she recalled later. "All I could think was, 'My God,

they're going to bring the balcony down!"

continued to play a wide range

of character parts in both modern and classical plays

and made her film debut in

1943. Unlike many of her

former colleagues, she person-

ally escaped the anti-commu-

nist hysteria of the 1950s, but

was caught up in it just the

same. Her husband of 33

years, John Cromwell, was a

nied the charge in testimony

After the Group Theatre

moribund American theatre.

ian opera.

Welsh National, should be

after the services of Roderick

Jones. He made his debut in

1951 as Tonio in Pagliacci.

the first production (with

Cavalleria rusticana) the WNO had staged. He was

back two years later as Ivan in

the first performance of

Menna, composed by Arwel

Hughes. But his greatest suc-

cesses were in Verdi and in two

operas which were scarcely

known in Britain in the early

1950s: he sang the title role in

Nabucco, which he was to

Roderick Jones, Welsh baritone, died at Newport. Gwent on September 16 aged 82. He was born in Ferndale, south Wales, on June 2, 1910

THE baritone Roderick Jones was one of the cornerstones of the company the Sadler's Wells Opera built up in the decade after the war at its home in Rosebery Avenue. It was dedicated to bringing opera in English to a public starved of that art form during the war years.

His best role was Baron Scarpia in Puccini's Tosca. The production had, unusually, a flight of stairs in the Palazzo Farnese and Roderick Jones was apt to roll down these after he had been stabbed by Tosca (frequently Victoria Sladen) at the end of Act II. He gasped for breath as he ascended them and finished the roll on the edge of the orchestra pit. This seemed true verismo opera to an audience accustomed to seeing baritones who often did little more than stand up and

sing. Roderick Jones was in at the very start of the company. He created the role of Balstrode, a rather more sympathetic character than Scarpia, in Benjamin Britten's Peter Grimes on that memorable night of June 7. 1945 when the theatre reopened. He was Falstaff in Vaughan Williams's Sir John in Love and took the the title role again in another opera rarely performed nowadays, Weinberger's Schwanda the

Bagpiper.
Among his immediate rivals

Ruth Nelson, American

stage and film actress and

tharter member of the

Group Theatre, died of

cancer at her home in

Manhattan on September

12 aged 87. She was born

in Saginaw, Michigan, on August 2, 1905.

RUTH Nelson was born to the

smell of greasepaint. Her

mother, Eva Mudge, was a noted quick-change artist in

her day, and young Ruth grew

up on America's vaudeville

circuit. Eva Mudge, however,

did not want to put her

To get Ruth away from its

seductive influence Eva

packed her off to a Roman Catholic boarding school in

regretted the decision. For it

was there that a nun spotted the girl's acting potential and

nudged her towards a stage

and film career that lasted for

She made her first profes-

sional appearance in 1926.

playing Sorel in a Californian

production of Noël Coward's

Hay Fever. But it was five years

later in New York, with the

Carnovsky (who died earlier

65 years.

daughter on the stage.

repeat when the WNO came for a season at Sadler's Wells. and Monforte in Vespri Siciliani. Inevitably, too, there was Scarpia for the WNO. But he suffered from having

his career interrupted by the war and from being born at the wrong time. He was the son of a miner and began as a miner, getting out of the local pit by winning a scholarship to the Royal Academy of Music. He began by studying piano. but then the potential of his baritone voice was discovered and he switched to singing. All this took time and although he had made appearances on television during the Alexan-dra Palace days he was still officially a student when war broke out. He joined the war reserve

police, while awaiting call-up. and served in London during the height of the blitz Later service was in the Royal Navy. It was Joan Cross, the power behind the creation of Sadler's Wells, who first spotted him and immediately invited him to join the company she was assembling to reopen the Rosebery Avenue theatre with Britten's first opera. Despite his late start, Roder-

ick Jones had no wish to continue singing when he was past his prime. He left Sadler's Wells, took on a number of roles as a freelance and then went to the West Indies in 1961 as director of the Jamaica School of Music. Wales drew him back and he became singing tutor at Aberwystwyth University College in 1970.

His retirement was spent in Gwent. He is survived by his wife and two daughters.

portrayal of Mrs Antrobus in

the 1966 revival of Thornton

Wilder's The Skin of Our

the 1991 Broadway produc-

tion of Uncle Vanya, and on

film in the 1990 production of

Oliver Sacks's book Awaken-

ings playing Robert De Niro's

Ruth Nelson, whose first

marriage ended in divorce, is

in 1976 to a family home in

Wansford, Cambridgeshire.

where he served on the parish

council and as churchwarden.

It is an irony that the grand-

son of T. H. Huxley, who

coined the word "agnostic".

was the very model of a practising Christian, saying

the daily office in his parish

church up until a short time

before his death. David Hux-

survived by one stepson.

She was last seen on stage in

## Mervyn Johns

MAY I add to your excellent obituary of the late character Mervyn Johns (September I Ith)?

**APPRECIATIONS** 

I was press agent and manager for the late and great risque cabaret artiste Douglas Byng who at the age of 92, although still working, went to the Actor's Charitable Trust Home, Denville Hall, where Mersyn Jones had been a long time resident.

I visited Bying regularly once a week and it was not unusual to see Johns sitting in the splendid gardens surrounded by family, friends and indeed

Mr Johns would then have been in his late eighties - and was still working in small cameo parts on television. He was frequently asked for autographs.

On one particular occasion,

the rather tetchy and acid Byng turned to me, having spotted Johns signing autographs the other side of the garden, and asked me: "What Menyn doing dearie?" "Signing autographs," I re-plied. "Do you mean that he has still got fans? Surely nobody remembers him. "Most people think that he died years ago," he snapped,

About half an hour later the matron of Denville Hall came into the garden and told me that "there are some fans for Mr Byng at the door and they would like him to sign some autographs". Mr Byng duly obliged. And Mr Johns was on the other side of the garden

my dear. They're doing a film about me at The London Palladium," replied Byng "Oh that's funny," said Johns, "I'm on the telly next week. Quite extraordinary. I thought we were both dead."

Dom Mintoff, especially as he

still signing pictures for his

At the end of the afternoon

Mr Byng retired to his mom

and I happened to bump into Mervyn Johns in the hallway

when he stopped me and said:

"Isn't it amazing that dear old

Dougle Byng still gets fans. Most people think that he died years ago".

About ten minutes later Mr

Byng and Mr Johns bumped

into each other.
"What are you doing this week?" said Johns. "Working.

fans,

Patrick Newley

#### Admiral Sir Guy Grantham

YOUR excellent obituary of Admiral Sir Guy Grantham (September 12) did not adequately bring out his great love of family and his kindness and consideration to everyone.

I had the privilege of being captain of his yacht when he was Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean, and often I felt like asking him to tick me off for some misdemeanour. In planning any event he would always ask: "How will that affect the Ship's

Company?' I saw him really angry only once and that was when somebody had forgotten to take account of Lady Grantham's movements in the day's programme. They were the most devoted couple and an inspiration to all of us who served him.

Christopher Wake-Walker

ALL of us who, as naval officers, admired the late Admiral Sir Guy Grantham will share the sadness of your obituarist at the disappoint-

nor of Malta in 1959. As the recent C-in-C Mediterranean, he had enjoyed an exceptional popularity. He had also been greatly admired

by the then prime minister,

showed such evident affection for the people of Malta. Mintoff, however, had made it plain to the Foreign Office that, despite all the good personal relationships, if Grantham returned as governor, he would not be on speaking terms with him. He was convinced that the days of a military governor were over: that Grand Harbour had lost its strategic value in the atomic bomb age, and that the naval dockyard was a fitfully inadequate base for the island's enforced peacetime economy. Malta's development would be held up and — with the island critically hovering between integration and independence - this would not be acceptable. Hence the situation in Malta when Grantham arrived, the Foreign Office having ridden roughshod over the prime minister's considered. 'volatile", wishes,

Basil Watson

IT WAS common knowledge in the Admiralty that at a certain stage in the second world war Admiral Sir Anment that awaited him on drew Cunningham, the First taking up his duties as Gover-Sea Lord, met the proposal that Grantham be appointed Director of Naval Intelligence

> a good man wasted." Edward E Thomas

> > 1902

with the remark: "I won't have

#### Hollywood director and founder of the Screen Direcbirth of the Group Theatre. that her career really took off. tors Guild. She joined a troupe that included Lee J. Cobb, Morris Cromwell was accused of being a communist. He de-

**DAVID HUXLEY** 

David Huxley, QC, barrister and former company director, died on September 6 aged 76. He was born on October 16, 1915.

DAVID Huxley sometimes referred to himself as the least distinguished member of a brilliant family. In reality, his life was one of considerable achievements, accomplished without foregoing the enjoy-ments of convivial friends and a close family.

David Bruce Huxley was the son of Leonard Huxley and his second wife Rosalind, une daughter of W. Wallace Bruce. Sir Andrew Huxley. OM. is his younger brother. His elder siblings St. Little Trevenen, Aldous, and Margaret Huxley were the children of his father's first

marriage to Julia, the granddaughter of Thomas Arnold of He was educated at West-

minster School, where he studied history under the noted historian John Bowle, later of Oxford University, who al-ways spoke of Huxley as one of his most brilliant students. After Westminster he went up to Christ Church, Oxford, in 1934, where he might have become a historian of some eminence. Although his homes ever afterwards were filled with books, he chose instead to pursue a career in law. His time at Oxford was marked by the usual academic pursuits, and even more so by the joie de vivre which Huxley vibrantly displayed to the end

After receiving his degree he married, in June 1939, Anne



Remsen, by whom he had five children. Having been a territorial for a brief period in the Inns of Court Regiment, he became in November 1939 a Tank Regiment. He was later wounded in the Western Desert. From 1942 until 1946 he was a major and later brigade major in the Iraq Levies, and was mentioned in dispatches. Despite the difficult work that he had to do in Iraq, Huxley with his fellow officers hunted jackal with a pack of English foxhounds in the region around Baghdad.

He was called to the bar (Inner Temple) in 1946, and in 1948 became solicitor-general of Bermuda. He took silk in 1952, thereby becoming the youngest QC in the Empire at the age of 37. In the same year he became attorneygeneral of Bermuda. During this time he revised and compiled the Private and Public Acts of the Legislature of Bermuda 1620-1953, pub-2nd lieutenant in the Royal , lished in seven volumes. In

1955 he became acting chief justice of the Supreme Court of Bermuda. Throughout his period of office in Bermuda he was highly respected for his strong sense of justice tem-pered by an innate sense of fairness, which he showed with great impartiality towards black and white Bermudans alike.

before Congress, but was

blacklisted and his career was

ruined. At the time, Nelson

had just been offered a role in

the New York premiere of Arthur Miller's Death of a

Salesman. She turned it down

to stay in Los Angeles to be

with her husband during his

ordeal. Cromwell died in

Nelson continued to win

critical acclaim for her stage

performances, notably for her

1979.

From 1957 to 1976 Huxley was vice-president of and legal adviser to Arnold Bernhard and Company and the Value Line Fund, a New York City investment house. He worked closely with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission and with the regulating authorities of the various states. At the same time he maintained an active and stimulating social life.

ley was a man who, despite the nichly varied experiences of his life, possessed a rare humility. A long-time member of the board of governors of Priorsfield School, near Godalming, Surrey, which had been founded by Huxley's father and his first wife. Julia Arnold, he handed over the chairmanship in 1991. remaining on the board. David Huxley is survived by

#### In 1964 he married Ouida Branch Wagner. They moved

Ruth Nelson with Robert De Niro in Awakenings

Teeth.

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Professor Keith Holland, reader in bacteriology, has been appointed to a new developmental chair in microbiology from August 1.

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J. M. Barrie's play Quality Street was an immediate and unquestioned success in London and ran for over 450 performances. In his biography of Barrie, Denis Mackail wrote: A ridiculous story told with every artifice....ver giving the public exactly what they wanted."

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If we say at the outset that Quality Street is a genuine Barrie most playgoers will know what to expect. But there are probably a few people who will want the statement explained, and there's the rub. For the charm of a genuine Barrie, while it is undeniable, is at the same time not very easily explicable. In the ultimate analysis we believe that the pleasure of a genuine Barrie will be found not so much in what the work — whether novel or play — says as in what it implies.

Mr Barrie justifies the simple natural life; he demonstrates the essential virtuousness of cakes and ale and even of ginger hot i' the mouth. Quality Street is a case in point. Its theme, to speak generally, is the joy of living. More particularly the theme is the desire of women to love tenderly and to be honourably loved in return. That desire is never more charmingly exhibited than it is in young spinsters verging on an age when love seems in danger of passing them by, It is the theme of Jane Austen's "Persuasion". If that classic instance comes automatically to the pen it is because Mr. Barrie's play chooses Jane Aus-ten's period, and his characters speak the delightfully stilted language of Jane Austen's people.

It is true they all speak that language a little too emphatically; they are more royalist than the king, more Austenite than Jane herself. There are too many

'elegant females" and "vowing' and "protesting". Jane Austen's ldiom was much more like our own than Mr Barrie would have us suppose. And there are incongnuities which grate on the ear. Jane Austen would never have talked of "Object-lessons" or of a lady being "gown'd". To say "This will be a great year for females" and "I long to dazzle a male" is to burlesque her style. If we harp on Jane Austen we are paying Mr Barrie the greater

compliment.
Only she would have told it more quietly. Quality Street is always, what Jane Austen's work was never, a trifle jerky. It is Jame a little out of breath and flus-tered, just as Miss Susan Throssell's dear "white and blue" room is a little too garish for the period of the Brothers Adam. Miss Susan's younger sister Phoebe, aged 21, expects a proposal of marriage from Mr Valentine Brown. He once kissed her cheek on the pretext that it was wet. But he only meant friendship, and, instead of proposing marriage, calls to say he is going to the wars. Then, for nine weary years, the dear "white and blue" room is turned into a school, and Phoebe's brightness becomes dimmed in the effort to master the rudiments of algebra for beginners. Then, after nine years. Mr

Valentine Brown returns from the wars, at length convinced that what he thought was friendship was really love.

Here and there Quality Street verges on the namby-pamby, so that we almost sigh for a wolf in the little sheep-fold. Here and there, too, it is a little garrulous as garrulous, let us say, as Jane Austen's Miss Bates.

But the fact remains that it is a genuine Barrie, and, being a genuine Barrie, has one irresist-ible charm. It shows us the sweetness of life as lived by old maids and by young maids who are honestly determined not to be old maids if they can help it. It is acted by all concerned

with excellent intentions, but not. we think, quite in the right spirit by all.

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By MELINDA WITTSTOCK MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

ITV IS in negotiations with the man it wants as its new network director, who will from next year have more power over what 20 million people watch on the network than any individual has had

Talks with Marcus Plantin, now director of programmes at LWT, began last week but Mr Plantin has yet to be formally offered the job.

The delay is understood to be the result of quibbling between ITV company negotiators over how much of Mr Plantin's "golden handcuff" LWT share options, thought to be worth upwards of 1500,000, should be recom-

pensed by the network.

Mr Plantin, who would take responsibility for commissioning and scheduling £500 million a year of pro-grammes from the ITV companies, is understood to want

a financial safety net. ITV will not formally offer the job until after Andrew Ouinn, chief executive, returns from holiday a week next Monday. The network wants to avoid the embarrassment caused in July when David Arculus, managing director of Emap, turned down the post of chief executive.

Mr Plantin, 46, is understood to want the job. He is

backed by Greg Dyke, LWT's chief executive and chairman of the ITV Association. David Elstein, director of programmes at Thames, and Charles Denton, a former director of programmes at Central and now an independent producer, are the two other main candidates.

Mr Plantin joined BBC Television as a trainee in 1970 and was directing and producing such programmes as The Two Ronnies. Wogan and The Generation Game by 1976. He was recruited to LWT, where he launched Blind Date, in 1985 by John Birt, then LWT's director of programmes and now BBC director-general designate.

In 1987 he became controller of entertainment and in 1990 he was promoted to director of programmes. He than two years experience scheduling programmes.

Mr Quinn and Mr Plantin, if hired, will be the first executives in iTV's 37-year history to run the centralised commissioning and scheduling system, which ends ITV's programme supply cartel.



Rainbow rendezvous: Joel Bartley, 10, of Paxdon primary school, Crystal Palace, tests Colourscape, a giant maze of multicoloured, inflated, PVC chambers which, filled by musicians and audience, features in the Nettlefold Festival at Clapham Common, south London

#### France and Italy seek EC summit

precious instrument," Gio-

vanni Ravasio, director-general of the Commission's economic directorate, said. "It does produce discipline and stability in exchange markets. There is no question of abandoning either the spirit or the rules of the system. The markets when the system. The markets when the system of the system. kets were exasperated. They were trying to find weakness in the ERM." He said both Britain and Italy "went to the limits" of intervention and had no other option but to withdraw.

The British members of the monetary committee, which manages the ERM, have refused to make any commitment on when Britain might rejoin. Senior officials privately made clear that they sympathised with Britain's difficulties: Britain's economy was "basically sound", one said, and its problems were

negligible compared with Italian sources said there had been tense exchanges be-

tween British and German

representatives at the com-

mittee's meeting. Sir Nigel Wicks of the Treasury and Andrew Crockett of the Bank of England, Britain's delegates, suggested that the ERM be suspended until after France's referendum

but gained little support. Jacques Delors, president of the European Commission, said yesterday that the lesson of the turbulence was that only the disciplines and strength of a single currency could protect Europe from unstable currencies.
In Washington, Michel

Camdessus, managing director of the International Monetary Fund, defended Germany's monetary policies and urged other EC countries to reform their own economies. Asked if Germany had been too tough, he said: "I would not say that. I would say that too much of a burden has been put on them."

Theo Waigel, the German finance minister, said yesterday that it was wrong to blame Germany for undermining confidence in the weaker ERM currencies.

## Lamont shrugs off calls to resign over ERM

Continued from page 1 emergency debate on the eco-

Several Tory MPs continued to call for his resignation, however, and many believe that he may yet be moved from his post when the pres-ent turmoil has abated. Ken-neth Clarke, the home secretary and favourite to replace Mr Lamont should he go, said the Chancellor was car-

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rying out the policy of the government as a whole. "It was the cabinet's policy

and the Chancellor carried out the policy of the cabinet extremely well, despite the pressures of the currency markets which eventually overwhelmed us. I see no need for a change of Chancel-lor personally," he said. Mr Lamont told BBC Tele-

vision that the decision to suspend Britain's ERM membership had been forced by overwhelming pressures. "The policy I have been fol-lowing is the policy of the whole government and I know I have the support of the prime minister and the full support of all my cabinet

anybody could rely on his word again, Mr Lamont said: "I have not sought devaluation, nor did the Italian finance minister nor the Spanish finance minister, all of whom found themselves overwhelmed by the extraordinary events of the past couple

of weeks, the like of which we have not seen for 20 or 30

"The decision I made was unavoidable," he said. "I believe the decision I made was correct. I have not sought devaluation. I did not seek to leave the exchange-rate mechanism. What we have done is suspend our membership and I have made clear that we intend to resume membership when the circumstances allow.

We have been dramatically successful in getting infla-tion down from nearly 11 per cent to under 4 per cent. It has been a long, hard slog. Having worked so hard to get this country to be a country of low inflation. I am not going to chuck it away in a few weeks' time," he said.

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Full analysis, pages 2-4 Simon Jenkins, page 14 Anatole Kaletsky, page 14 Leading article and letters, page 15 Matthew Parris, page 18

#### Conference sketch

#### Lib Dems rise to Beith's occasion

Yesterday at Harrogate.

I the full weight of the Bundesbank and the massed forces of the international currency markets combined to achieve the impossible... but to that in

First, let me tell you about Mr Beith, the Liberal Democrats' shadow chan-

Aian Beith MP is a small, cuddly man with specta-cles. I know too little of bird genetics to be confident that you could mate an owi and a penguin, or cross a waddle with a shuffle, but if you try to imagine an owl-guin in glasses, walking with a kind of wuffle and wearing an expression of suprised wisdom, then you have Mr Beith.

He's a rather unlikely modern Lib Dem: more in the mould of Methodist Sunday school teacher, a dying breed these days in the party. Marching for gay rights or penning himself into a battery cage are not Mr. Beith's style. His politics are cautious, conservative, and his platform performance donnish. Beith has no truck with the

All these qualities make him an ideal Treasury spokesman, a portíolio he handles with quiet assur-ance. He would be a natural chief secretary in a coali-tion cabinet. Unlike many Lib Dem MPs, you can ac-tually imagine Alan Beith

in government.

Which is perhaps why a party of protest does not warm to him. Beith's careful speeches have seldom wowed Lib Dem conferences. He distrusts the vision thing. His party distrusts the action thing. So not for Mr Beith the rapture of standing ova-tions. Polite applause, furrowed brows and the sound of delegates scratching their heads is his normal conference fare.

That is why yesterday was so remarkable. With currency markets in turmoil and the real Chancellor flat on his face, even Liberal Democrats recognized the need to look up from their conference agenda and confront the crisis. They called for Beith. Beith was to make a statement. hall. Silence fell. Beith rose. Somehow the drama of it

all had got through. Beith waved his arms. Beith derided the government. Here, he said, was another fine mess they'd got us into. Beith mocked, Beith ad-

vised, Beith warned. Beith lashed out. Beith did something almost unheard of in his decades in politics: he looked up from his notes. Finally, his blast finished. he prepared to leave ...

But wait! A strange sound assailed his owlish ears. Could it be ... ap-plause? Loud applause. Sustained applause ... and what was this? A delegate was standing up in her place. Another joined her, then another, then another. Soon, the entire conference was standing. It was — oh yes — it was a standing ovation for Alan Beith. old gi

He raised his eyes and blinked. Then the owlguin began wuffling towards the steps. Something lit his face. On anyone but Mr Beith you would have called it triumph. Danke, Deutschland.

Of anyone but Paddy Ashdown, you would have called the leader's have called the leader's speech, which followed, "rousing". The trouble is that with Paddy we have been roused for so long, now, and at so many conferences, and always in the same way, that a sort of rouse-fatigue, or orator's droop threatens.

droop, threatens. droop, threatens.

If was the usual stuff.

"Savage attacks" on the Tories, a rather gingerly nip at Labour, a handful of engaging but expensive policy suggestions, and a bucketful of vacuities. Challenge, Opportunity and Leadership featured heavily. Conference liked that.

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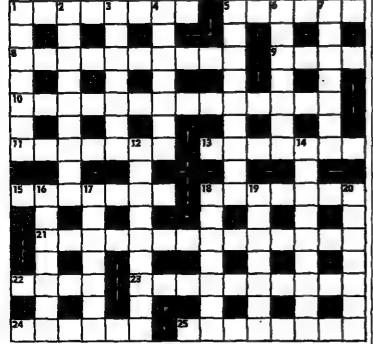
But then they would. We llege no outright retreat to the loony-bin when we remark that tentative little buds of visionary unrealism peeked up again, here and-there, this year at Harro-gate. Eccentricities were on furtive display again. Only a few sandais, it is true, a couple of pairs of shorts and a scattering of funny hats. But beards are back on the increase. Ginger hair is sprouting again, at the fringes of Liberal De-mocracy. Fur is growing back over the bald patches.

Do political parties, per-haps, like little mammals, carry fur-bearing genes in-stinctively activated when the creature senses frosty times ahead? Like the humknow, in its collective folkconsciousness, that an iceage stretches into the future? And are they dig-ging in, and bedding down for the long winter ahead?

**MATTHEW PARRIS** 

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#### THE TIMES CROSSWORD NO 19,027



#### ACROSS

- 1 O. a letter used to spell 'brook' (8). Man wearing an alien strip (b).
   Talked at length about plagiarism being denounced (10).
- 9 Nearly but not quite dark (4). 10 Contractors enter this too (4.3.7). 11 State doctor went ahead and took a risk (7).
- 13 Shall I clean kitchen pans as youth starts to provide sus-tenance for invalids? (4.3). 15 it's hard, what can be held responsible for damage (7).
- 18 Delegates about to frame press-
- 21 Houri for whom Strelitzia was named? (4,2,8).
- 22 Some animals, not all, are bad-

Solution to Puzzle No 19,026

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- 23 Boast I shone a lot in play (5, 1,4).
- 24 Like 'The Tempest', a tale about Milan's leader (6). 25 We only do dances without animation (8).

quor (?).

- I Excellent execution (7).
- 2 He could be mentorial to cats
- 3 Setting out the indefinite article
- 4 I advance, following army in the
- 5 Where to put cedilla or accent (9). 6 Search revealing smuggled li-
- 7 Continue to ask, and one gets a flower (7).
- 12 Runner very bad about money in competition (9).
- 14 Aristocratic girl's name (9). 16 Going round with a doctor, one
- with a medical speciality (7). 17 Salt. one absorbed by weaver (7). 1\$ Put up round high ball - a help in the game (7).
- 19 Bill mountain-climbing with Jack, perhaps (7). 20 In other words, go without finally finishing back-cloths, etc. (?).
- Concise Crossword, page 9 Life & Times section

A daily safari through the language jungle. Which definitions are correct? By Philip Howard

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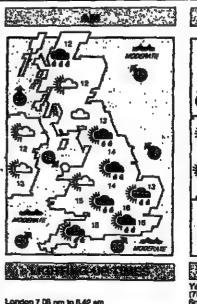
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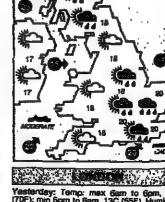
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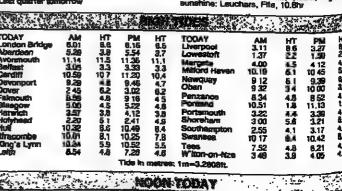


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#### Setting up the old girl network

The leaders of tomorrow are on

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y mid-morning today the largest gathering of independent school head girls the nation has ever seen will be cramming each other through tyres suspended three yards above the ground in order to get to know themselves and each other

Then, born leaders to a girl, they will form teams to rescue each other from an island 50 yards from the shore, guide each other across five "snake infested" yards without touching the ground, play blindfolded croquet and form skiffle groups — "From scratch," says Jill Clough, the headmistress of the Royal Naval School for Girls in Haslemere, Surrey. which is hosting this year's Head Girls' Conference (Southeast Cluster). She and Miss Meadows,

the resident senior mistress and very strong in the Guide movement, have devised the tasks as practical self-assessment exercises which can be managed only with a fair amount of bodily contact. At noon, the girls return to base for another anxious moment. the feedback session, for while they have been assessing themselves, they will also have been assessed by members of

The conferences, now in their third year, were devised by the Girls Schools Association to encourage the leadership and networking which serve boys so well in later life,



and have become so popular that this year the head girl from Farlington, West Sussex, had to be turned away.

Programmes vary, but aiways deal with achievement and contacts. This year girls will be put into teams according to geographical areas so they can meet and form their power groups for the future.
This is in line with the

philosophy of the guest speaker, Geraldine Bowen, the president of the European Women's Management and Development Network, "who, you might like to know, has pink or purple hair," Dr Clough says. After a threehour lunch, during which it is hoped friendships will be forged, she will address the girls on the topic, "Are You at Your Best?"

Last year the southeast conference was hosted by St Teresa's Convent School in Dorking, Surrey, where Leslie Allen, the headmaster, opted to inspire the girls with role models such as Esther Rantzen. Claire Troy, then head girl, says it was very valuable. As to women she now admires and considers role models, "I can't think of any at the moment. I can't say

I have any. No." "What has interested me". Or Clough says, "is what happens to head girls when they leave school? They have a natural advantage, but don't necessarily know how to use

So 100 of them are assembling today for some testing bodily contact, to consider themselves at their best and to exchange addresses.

BARBARA TONER

# The id and the alter ego

What's a monster like Dame Edna Everage doing in a nice man like Barry Humphries?

arry Humphries?" Dame Edna gives her grimace of he is a sad figure. I know he helped me in my career, but he still claims that he created me, and now he's trying to push himself forward. I shall not give his life book. Nothing more than hold a public book-burning next week."

Dame Edna was at the Savoy. holding forth with her usual panache in pink sequinned Chanel about her new game show, Dame Edna's Neighbourhood Watch, which starts on ITV tomorrow (8.50pm). Meanwhile, Mr Humphries was elsewhere, "cring-ing" with uncertainty about his



autobiography, More, Please, published on Monday by Viking. "I am not, Valerie, a shrinking violet," he says, "but the aum mode is very naked." "but the autobiographical

How useful it must be to slip into another persona, the antithesis of oneself. Mr Humphries is a substantial fellow in three-piece suit and fedora, sober, polite and circumspect. After "a certain amount of wrestling with the pantyhose" Dame Edna Everage sashays forth, oozing outrageous remarks. The Humphries book does much to explain, rivetingly, the enigma behind the two.

always wanted more. I never or sex or holidays or first editions or solitude or gramophone records or free meals or real friends or guiltless pleasure or neckties or applause or unquestioning love or

🕇 hat says it all, really, about the greed, avidity, and in excess Humphries's odd life: childhood as a spoilt darling among prototype. Ednas in suburban Meibourne, bookish adolescence; highbrow artistic youth: middle years all but lost in drunken oblivion. The book also explains why he is forever just off to his dentist in Wimpole Street. "I spend an enormous amount of time at the dentist," he says, twitching at the prospect of the needle in the gum. "My teeth are constantly being replaced." His harrowing dental history goes back to the homemade brace his unde Jack fitted when he was a boy.

"He is such a happy little man," cooed his mother in her Baby Record, "He never cries. He plays all day long." Family snaps show a pampered child, beaming at the counter of "Barry's Shoppe", built by his doting builder father. Barry had only to climb a tree for his father to design a tree house, with telephone. "I was terribly spoilt," he says, "and this made life terribly difficult for me." His three younger

siblings barely had a walk-on role. Refinement and gentility were the keynote. He was a Fauntleroy among barefoot boys at school, in blue Aertex shirts, fawn socks and leather sandals. At midday his father would drive him home for lunch with nanny on the lawn. His first and favourite nanny, notably, was called Edna. She disappeared one day, without explanation or

farewell. But it was the tea-rooms of. Melbourne, hushed places with leaded windows, curio ledges and multi-tiered cake-stands, that offered him the chance to observe the Edna species amid the clink of spoons on sundae glasses; here housewives gathered in floral print frocks, exposing their "bye-byes" (the flaccid, wobbling triceps) as they waved bye-bye.

Would anyone be entertained to read about a Melbourne childhood? Mr Humphries wondered. But suburbia, and gentility - and oppressive Sundays, when his parents usually "had words", and the roast was cooked to an unappetising shade of grey (as he still prefers it) — are universal. He evokes it all vividly. "There is a communal memory, just as there is a communal humour. If you stand on stage and share your view of the world, people will connect with you. And it's the same with childhood



"I am not a shrinking violet, but the autobiographical mode is very naked": Barry Humphries considers the possible dangers of revealing the man behind the frock

are going, even shopping; and he is

doubtless hard to live with, as

geniuses are, but he seems to me less strange than he used to be. Ms

Spender, who accompanied Dame

Edna to the Savoy this week, glows

His book, I must add, is a

Incipient artists are cuckoos in the nest. Barry would wince at his mother's tidy, respectable home, compared with the bohemian at Melbourne Grammar, with their chamber music and garlicky food and old, secondhand books. (You never knew where they had been, his mother sniffed.) "Eric and I don't know where Barry comes from," his mother used to say, as he grew his hair and affected Turkish cigars and made his escape to perform Dadaist cabarets for the Sydney "push", the raffish fraternity of dropout academics, poseurs

and poets in the 1950s. Then came the drunken years, and the most confessional passages in his book in London, in Lionel Bart musicals and with Spike Milligan in The Bed-Sitting Room if was touch and go whether he'd stagger on stage in time, in a muck sweat, hair plastered to scalp. He never knew where he would wake each day, or where he'd been last

night; each day would begin with "Never again", but after a Fernet-Branca he would start again.
"I was", he now says, "in a state of denial. I'd be thinking, that chap over there must be an alcoholic shouldn't he be at home with his

wife? One is really oblivious to one's own nature, deluding oneself: that is a manifestation of the chemical dependency, which alcoholism is. For 20 years it was like living with the handbrake on Although I did a huge amount of work, there was this inhibiting thing which I didn't understand. So once

life I sort of surged ahead. Now, if one gets a bad review, or a show folds, one can take it because at least I know I've done the best I wondering, did I get away with it? Did anyone notice? Did I manage to pull that off? So of course one had to work a million times harder, pouring in immense energy just to get through the day."

Only later did he admit to himself how much of the Barry

Mackenzie cartoon strip in Private Eye, which first made his name, was autobiographical. Wives and mistresses who deserved better than "the sporadic companionship of a dissolute, guilt-ridden, self-obsessed boozer", were long-suffering. I must remember I have a family he would tell himself; but wife number two took the daughters away, leaving him with "that dull

when they're not drinking. And the

'I always wanted more. I never had enough milk or money or socks or sex or solitude' daughters, actress



"In many ways he is a sad figure": the dame on her creator

young sons, Oscar and Rupert, live with their mother. Millstead, in Beverly Hills. windows is "a middle-aged man, dewlapped and disconsolate", but at 58 he has settled down with a fourth wife, the beautiful Lizzie Spender, writer daughter of the

poet Sir Stephen. They married two years ago in Spoleto. In Sir Stephen's absence the composer Gian-Carlo Menotti gave the bride away, "My father-in-law, this poet". Mr Humphries says, "sometimes gets a glazed look, and I realise that am talking to him when he normally watches Neighbours, which gives a more accurate picture of Australian life than any novel." Re-living his childhood for the book left him dejected. He remains a worrier who always wants to know exactly where his loved ones

His life became more and more unmanageable; he landed in a psychiatric ward. He recalls that when he was rescued by Alcoholics Anonymous, he asked his doctor what he would do with his time. "Drinkers spend a lot of time hours - at it. So they can't imagine how they will fill in all that time

masterpiece. Readers might be advised to keep a dictionary to hand: being "a provincial opsimath" (a late learner) like Clive doctor said, well, there's things like James he peppers his writing with gratitude, and concern for others ..." verbal display, especially of adjectives: opaline, lozenged, reboant, Getting unmarried, he reflects, is lacunose, titubating, mammiform; peristaltic, grumous-kneed, sempipainful and expensive. "There is nothternal, stercoraceous, mucilagiing like a divorce. nous, fuliginous: parading a Whoever is right or particular fondness for words ending in id: turgid, foetid, hispid, gelid, olid, viscid, pinguid. wrong, it is a bit like floods in Florence, it flushes money out ... one is a few altarpieces the less." His

contentedly.

lke fellow autobiographers Germaine Greer. John Osborne, Peter Nichols, he cites his mother's "maternally discouraging" sardonic re-marks which rankle to this day: "I see the Herald didn't give you a very good write-up. You see? You're not popular everywhere, Barry." "Are you sure your mother isn't Jewish?" he was once asked.

The Mrs Humphries/Dame Edna figure is, alas, universal too. What gives Dame Edna her spooky appeal is her unnerving insight into the crabbed, anxious female psyche: she looks disconcertingly like a familiar aunt or grandmother, and if you interview her she will advise you on how to press your frock, and admonish you: "Don't neglect your children, daahling!"

I ask Mr Humphries why Dame Edna eschews the false front. "She is flat-chested," he says. "But as she says in her own autobiography, she has never felt that this is a particularly attractive aspect of a woman. She is still, according to her gynaecologist, capable of breastfeeding, which will come as good news to any man who happens to be trapped in a lift with her" (chorde). "But Edna wouldn't look like Edna with a bust. The creation of the character never set out to be an elaborate impersonation.

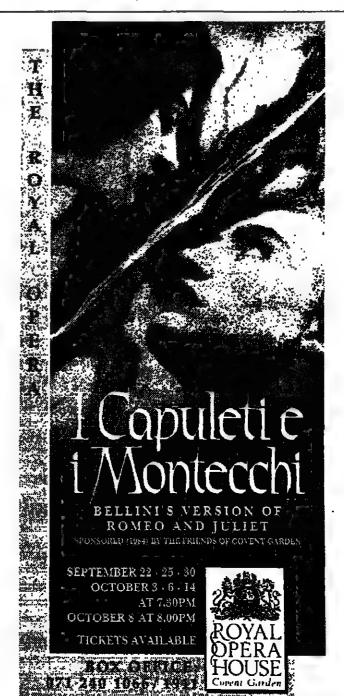
again; but his youthful party-piece has plainly taken over his life, in public at least, to the extent that he expresses humble amazement that anyone should wish to meet Barry Humphries, and even evades such self-exposure when invited. Once, he was due to open an exhibition of British art (as Humphries): on the day, to general delight, it was Dame Edna who turned up, in full fig. blowing kisses and reciting doggerel — "My house would be a great deal duller / Without the occasional water-colour" - defusing the occasion with jokes.

Constantly travelling - now that the dame has also conquered America - he lives in Hampstead

(Tasmania). "I like the remoteness of it. One could just come to He has said a hundred times he London for shows. In my job you're is torn between a vagabond's life and a collector's impulse. Where do you put the Thackeray?" His Thackeray once belonged to his great admirer Sir John Betjeman. who shared his passion for the music-hall and the decadent poets and artists of the 1890s, and who first convinced him that his characters would catch on in England. This week an Australian tele-

but says he fancies a house in Tazzy

vision journalist asked him: "Do you still think of yourself as an Australian?" The questioner was "looking, as they always do, for signs of rejection," he says, "I told her: 'I think of myself as Swedish actually.' She didn't know what to make of that."



TOSCA: Luciano Pavarotti in fine form as Cavaradossi in John Cou's reliable production. The young American soprano Elizabeth Holleque mai es her British debut in the title role, Silvano Carroli is Scarpia. Zubin Mehta conducts all but the final three performances For those unable to get a trolet, tomorrow's performance will be relayed on the screen in the Piazza.

Royal Opera House, Covent Garden,
London WC2 (071-240 1066),
fomorrow, Mon. 7 30pm

WILLSH NATIONAL OPERA: The witch NATIONAL OPERA: The rightmare work of Richard Strauss's second opera Elektra should provide a perfect fold for the wind (and often between Producer Dawd Alden, responsible for RNO's much-praised (and much-noticised) saging of Vent's A Masked Ball (and for the Pet Shop Boys world tour) Lanet Hardy sings the tide role; Felicity Palmer is Plyterinestra, Eva Maria Bundschuh, Chrysotherms, Carld Riczo conducts the apocalyping scote. New Theatre, Park Place, Cardiff (0222 394844), iromprow, 7.15pm

GRACE IONES: The unpredictable star makes her only European appearance into year with a kinky party-curr-gig featuring transvestiles, dub hosts The Pusse hosse and guest DIs including \$ Express's Mark Moore Ms Jones herself and heart transvestiles for some herself is not even thinking of Gracing the stage until midnight. Briston Academy, London SAM in on Academy, London SW9 (071-326 1022), tomorrow, 8pm. MOSE ALLGON TINO, Flory
Missespipi magic from the affecting
blues singer and pianist whose
influences range from Duke Ellington to

CONTRACTOR OF THE MAIDER AND Dorfman's scorching psychological drama on the longing for revenge. Penny Downie, Darrny Webb and Hugh Ross make up the Cast Duke of York's, St Martin's Lane, WCZ (071-836 5122). Mon-Sat, Born, mats Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 4pm, 120mms. FROM A JACK TO A KINGs Winty and stylish version of Macbeth's climb to the top, set in the world of root bands and packed with Subes songs.

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8.15pm, Fri and Sat, 5.30pm and 8.30pm, 120mms. GRAND HOTEL: Musical barley sugar. Berlin in the Twenties. mats Thurs, Sat, 2.30pm, 120mins, IT RUNS ON THE FAMILY: Larks in the hospital common room; matro outraged; doctors flummoxed. Rin oney larce with lots of laught.

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Playhouse, Northumberland Avenue WC2 (071-839 4401), Mon-Fri, Spm

MURDER BY MISADVENTURE Gerald Harper and William Gaunt play come writers who fall out and pit their wicked wits against each other: run-of-Whitehall, Whitehall, SWI (071-867 1119) Mon-Fn, 8pm, Sat, 8-30pm, mass Wed, 2.30pm, Sat, 5.30pm 120mins. THE DEDIPLIS TRILOGY: Six-holy

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lew bright spots, mostly very frying. Director, Frank Oz.

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<u>NEW RELEASES</u>

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#### McGuinness's new play Vaudeville, The Strand, WC2 (071-

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 HOWARDS END (PG): Absorbing version of E.M. Forster's novel about two collecting lamilies with different ideals. With Anthony Hopkins, Emma Thompson, Nelson Borham-Carter Director, James Ivory.

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this week as he means to go on His first concert as the orchestra's music director includes the British premiere of a short piece, Source, by Message of the late composer: El Dorado, by the American premiers being a better the Advent and WEEKEND EVENTS A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Kari Knight minimalist. John Adams; and Stravinsky's baket The Firebird Free Trade Hall, Peter Street, Manchester (061-834 1712), Sun,

Sonny Boy Williamson. Pizza Express, Dean Street, London W1 (071-437 9535), tonight, 7 45pm

GRAND PLANO IAZZ DUOS: Treet pranists, Gordon Beck, Michael Garrick and Juhan Joseph, learn up for an unusual combination of standards and

onginal compositions.
Purcell Room, South Bank, London

SWAM LAKE: Yet another production of Tcharkovsky's classic by yet another Russian ballet company. This time the company is the rather diablous National Ballet of \$1 Petersburg, led by clances from the Kirov and Bolshoi companies.

director. They are on an extensive Brush tour which continues until October 10 Empire, Sunderland (091-514 2517).

tonght, tomorrow, 7,30pm, Empire, Liverpool (051-709 1555), Sun, 7,30pm

HALLE ORCHESTRA: The talent and

HALLE CRICHESTIMA: The talent and energy of the young American conductor Kent Nagano should go a long way towards helping to restore the fortunes of the Manchester orchestra. A noted drampion of 20th-century and contemporary music, Nagano begins

THEATRE GUIDE

of theatre showing in London

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Tyrannos). Interesting performances, notably by Gerard Murphy and John Shrapnel. Intrigung settings but

Burbican, Silk Street, EC2 (07 t-638 6891). Complete trilogy, tomorrow, 4,30pm (ends 10,45pm)

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N SD DEGREES OF SEPARATION: Stockard Charming as the not New Yorker transfigured by a black con artist in John Guare's fine play on

human inter-dependence. Comedy, Panton Street, SW1 (971-867 1945). Mon-Sat, Spm, mats Wed, 3pm, Sat, 4pm 90mms.

[7] SOMEOME WHO'LL WATCH OVER ME Excellent playing by Alec McCowen, James McDarlel and Siephen Rea as Benut hostages in Frank

House full, returns only
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SE1 (071-928 8800), Sun, 8pm

The new production is by Victor Korolkov, the company's artistic

WISDOM AND COMPASSION: YHE SACRED ART OF TIBET: More than 160 SACIND ART OF TIBEL: Worke that no are paintings, sculptures and tapestnes are brought together for this huge new show of Tibetain art dating from the 9th century to the present day and innancially supported by The Times. Buddhist ideas behind Tibet's complex guagnes rices; person liver's compres-culture, the exhibition offers an opportunity to discover an artistic heritage which has suffered greatly in the volence of recent years. Royal Academy of Arts, Piccadilly, London W1 (071-439 7438) Daily, 10am-5pm, opens today until Dec 13 PETER DONOHOE: The versaule prant plays Tchail ovsky's Surte. Op 21. Brahm's Two Ballades, List's Pagarine Etudes and Shostakowin's Sonata No 2 Prelude and Fugue No 24. The concert begins a season of Russian chamber music at Spadesbourne Hall

music at Spadesbourne Hall, Burcot Lane, Spadesbourne Hall, Burcot Lane, Bromsgrove, Workesershare (0527 74136), tonight, Born. ETTY OF BIMMINGHAM SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA: Simon Rattle conducts Mahler's Symphomy No. 3 Town Hall, Leeds (0532, 348080), tomorrow, 7 30pm

836 9987). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats, Wad, 2,30pm, Sat, 4pm, 140mms. MA WOMAN WILLED WITH KINDNESS: Michael Maloney and Saskia Reeves in an Elizabethan domestic tragedy packed with trilling derain. The Pit, Barbican Centre, Silk Street.

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THE PLAYER (15): Dazzing satire on Hollywood, directed by Robert Altman from Michael Tolkin's novel. Tim Robbins as the studio executive who kills a written his common rathers.

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◆ WATERLAND (15): Jeremy Irons as

the history teacher haunted by his Fenland childhood. Brave but failed attempt to film Graham Switt's complex

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marketeers and a small-lown copichase each other's tails in New Merdoo. An impenetrable plot, but Irvely. Wittern Dafoe, Mickey Rourie; director, Roger

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◆ THE POWER OF ONE (12):

LOVERS (18): In Franco's Spain.

WHICH of the myriad television detectives has the highest-ever audience? Taggart (ITV) who returned last night, beginning a new three-part story, drew 18.3 million viewers for his 1992 New Year's Day special. On the evidence of the first episode of The Hit Man, he deserves his ratings.

In the title role, Mark McManus is as dour as ever, a man who refuses to eat his chips with sauce rather than vinegar. John Milne's script keeps both the Glasgow detective chief inspector and the viewers in the dark about what is actually going on, at least during episode one. Recourse to a videorecorder, or photographic memory been required to stay ahead of the police in this tale of villainy, revenge and corruption extending over more than ten years.

C.P. (Clare) Grogan, here playing the unscrupulous and unfaithful new wife of a hotelier with criminal connections, was lead singer with Altered Images, acted in Gregory's Girl and appeared in Crossroads. Her excellent, brassy performance eradicates memoOPERA

# Moved by an irresistible force

The Force of Destiny Coliseum

IF IT is possible to play Verdi too beautifully, maybe Mark Elder and the English National Opera orchestra do so. As always at new productions with Elder in charge, this Force of Destiny has been prepared with painstaking attention to detail: internal balance perfectly achieved, ensemble subjected to iron control, and every phrase exquisitely sculpted. Some might prefer an approach more rough-hewn and spontaneous, less calculated, but this would sound ungrateful in the face of music-making of rare quality.

ENO's A-team cast has been prepared with equal attention to detail, and anyone who heard standard international singers bashing through the score at the Maggio Musicale earlier this year will be grateful for that. Josephine Barstow is a singer coming into her prime. Every weapon in a welltrained soprano's armoury - breath control (some amazingly long-limned phrases), dynamic control (the pianissimo B flat in "Pace, pace" exquisitely poised) - is used to reinforce her command of Verdian line in all its breadth and expressiveness. This is one of the most demanding of all Verdi's dramatic soprano roles, but so solid is her technique that you never for a moment feel nervous. Add her familiar dramatic intensity, her capacity for portraying a woman in desperate mental torment approaching the end of her tether, and you have a Leonora

in a thousand. The evening also showed Edmund Barham at his best as Don Alvam. The brazen trumpet tone was thrilling enough, and even more so were moments when he took the pressure off to reveal a properly melancholy, dusky mezzo-forte. The ENO is indeed lucky to have so impressive a tenore robusto at its disposal.

Maybe Jonathan Summers's powerfully sung Don Carlo started off too dottily, leaving himself nowhere to go

A Leonora in a thousand: Josephine Barstow in The Force of Destiny at the Coliseum

and so ending up positively Draculine. Carlo is, after all, only a young aristo imagining he's doing the right thing, and madness could eat into his soul more gradually. But John Connell's earthy Father Superior, founded on inky-black bass tone, is a signal success. and Anne-Marie Owens makes as much of the sadistically written role of Preziosilla as humanly possible.

The production is sung in a new translation by Jeremy Sams, of which not quite enough was audible for judgement to be passed. Balance with the stage is not too high on the list of Elder's priorities - Alan Opie's vivid Melitone suffered particularly in this

respect - and not all the singers sound as if they are thinking what the words mean (Summers and Connell honourable exceptions). I heard scarcely a syllable from the chorus all evening.

The opera is set by Richard Hudson in none-too-specific 19th-century costumes within a brightly coloured abstract set a characteristically bold piece of design, it has rather the look of Berlin — the Krolloper, for instance or Moscow in the interwar years. its chief component is a curved staircase on a revolve, of which the director Nicholas Hytner takes advantage to move from scene to scene without breaks, overlapping some of them: the

tableau of the Marquis's death is overwhelmed by the whole company rushing forward with Miscrables-like energy to launch the Inn scene.

Hymer presents the nurrative in admirably clear outline. There is good energy in the battle scenes, but the camp followers are decidedly operettaish. The faral shot that fells the Marquis, clumsily managed at present, needs immediate attention: it is, after all, the wellspring of the action. But the finale, bright light from heaven for the moment of redemption, is pole-

RODNEY MILNES

**TELEVISION REVIEW** 

#### **Naughty boys from** Glasgow to Toytown

ries of her earlier work. But John Salthouse, playing a

probably dishonest financial director to the hotelier, whose wife he is bedding, is immediately and puzzlingly recognisable as an erstwhile est member of the CID in The Bill One hopes that not too many of the 40odd countries screening Taggart also

take The Bill. Armed robbery, a hit-and-run, fatal car and plane crashes and a cringingly authentic boozy wedding party keep the action-to-talk ratio high, with the unexpected return home of Taggart's daughter Alison (Leigh Biagi) popped into the mix to maintain the level of interest in his off-duty life.

I expect episodes Taggart/Noddy two and three to put ITV/BBC 1 Taggart into jeopar-

dy both professionally and personally, with his increasingly impatient assistant Mike Jardine (James Macoherson) allowed to come up with the able to see it through without his boss. This may be a formula show, but it is beautifully executed by director Mary McMurray and her colleagues on the

technical side. - The new, Politically Correct Noddy (BBC 1, yesterday) is a jolly affair, but puzzling to mere adults. The characters are stringless puppets with oddly plaintive faces and excellently expressive voices by Susan Sheridan and

by Julia and Chris Allen, update the originals in an uneven fashion. Enid Bhyton's golliwogs have gone and the black character. Dinah Doll, is a strong-willed market stall-holder. Noddy now uses his little red and yellow car as a minicab. This is unlicensed, but the fare is only "sixpence an adventure and he'll take you home again", according to the jaunty title song.

Jimmy Hibbert. The first two scripts,

One passenger, the French-accented Pink Cat. refuses to keep her tail inside the vehicle and it is torn off. "Zat will be sixpence for a new tail!" she growls. I can hear tiny enquiries all over the country: "What is a sixpence? Can i pull the tail off our cat? Why not?"

All is put right in the end, thanks mainly to Noddy's best friend, whitehaired old Big Ears. With Mr Plod so ineffectual, it would hardly matter what this odd couple got up to, short of joining the goblins for an unlicensed rave in the Dark Wood: which is something Noddy is tempted to do in the second story. Stay tuned.

TONY PATRICK

Opera: Rodney Milnes listens in as Luciano Pavarotti gives up'his night off to take a London masterclass

he first words Pavarotti spoke at the masterclass he generously gave on his night off between a pair of Toscas, for the benefit of the Amici di Verdi, were "You need the score?" The four young singers profiting from his ministrations did indeed need their scores.

While one admires teachers who do not give their pupils arias from Un ballo in maschera as a matter of course, the pupils might have had even more to learn and their maestro more to teach had the pieces they performed been thoroughly learned beforehand.

As it was, Pavarotti had sound advice in plenty, passed on with genial good humour. The soprano Jillian Foster sang "Morro, ma prima in grazia" very respectably, but only needed Pavarotti to speak the words "L'unico figlio mio"

#### Fill up your diaphragm and colour your vowels

with marginally exaggerated rhythm for her to add that iota of intensity to her singing.

That, and the question of breath. "Sutherland never started without the diaphragm full," he remembered, and that was how long notes at the end of the phrases were sustained rather then allowed to tail off. He demonstrated,

she followed him. and it worked. Similarly with the baritone Gerard Quinn, whose "Eri tu" was a model of tasteful, rather British legato. To hear Payarotti declaiming the words of the recitative with the utmost ferocity in a gruff bass-baritone (shades of Callas and "Cortigiani") said it all: "You sing soft those phrases?!" Two minutes spent on the first word, "Alzati", and Quinn's singing was on a different

Again breath ("Deeper, deeper!" was his instruction) and the colour of vowels were at the centre of his discussion with Sarian Crevelle. The fearsomely rolled "r" at the start of "Re dell'abisso" showed that she knew a thing or two about the projection of Italian consonants, but he concentrated on lightening the vowel of the same word ("Place

it 'igher, still 'igher") until "ray" became "reh".

The prodigiously gifted Chinese tenor Ya Lin Zhang sang "Ma se m'e forza perderti" on obviously brief aquaintance but with golden tone and a near-Pavaroman sense of legato, so the master concentrated again on big breaths and verbal rhythm ("Legato sl. ma gli punti ben precisi").

Those were the two main points of the evening: tone can only be sustained on the full diaphragm (the single most important aspect of vocal technique, he insisted in the ensuing discussion); and it is verbal colour and rhythm that give extra meaning to the music.

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#### Cold revenge is served up frozen

THERE are fashions in Greek tragedy and Medea is this year's flavour, bringing a Medea Suburban to the Lilian Baylis, Medea Caribbean to the Tricycle, Medea African with braziers to the Royal Exchange, and now Medea plain and cold at the Almeida, with Diana Rigg. If you have withers to wring, do not expect them to be wrung here.

HAY MATTER

Jonathan Kent has proved himself an able director in times past and an excellent actor besides. His performance as Don Juan at Manchester was the best I have ever seen, showing him to be no stranger to the art of conveying sarcasm, rage and cruelty. In a different proportion, and with infanticide added, these are the impulses a production of Medea calls for, and which his direction and the cast's performances sel-

Black headscarves and dresses on the Chorus of Women identify the setting as Greek, a rarrity in recent productions, but it is a Greece the mind, and Peter J. Davison's design imagines the exterior of a castle wall fashioned, like the hull of a battleship, from riveted metal sheets. Two gaps serve as entrances, one to the interior of the castle, the other leading from the courtyard out to Jason's new premises and the palace of Creon, Greek tragedy's all-purpose autocrat.

One of the upper sheets of metal slides back to reveal a narrow window. It is here that Rigg's Medea is found sitting as the play begins, with her back turned to the women below, who are watching her for signs of madness.

This window is an ingenious solution to Medea's offstage wails of misery, but Rigg's unchanging position, although it does suggest the lonely Rapunzel hoping that her prince will return, is strangely undemonstrative. In that respect, it is a true

Medea Almeida

taster for what follows. When she descends to speak with the women her pose of hesitation in the doorway prepares us for the improbably demure speech that follows. It is almost possible to accept that her words could persuade the women to take her side, for the full nature of her revenge is not yet evident. But as she argues with the visiting males, Joseph O'Conor's Creon, Peter Sproule's Aegeus, Tim Woodward's Jason - none of them well-characterised though she may change her voice, look into their faces, toss her head and present all the outer physical motions of rage or supplication, some essential

"This is a terrible passion," the Chorus declare. Not at all. When her two tow-haired moppets have toddled off with the poisoned gifts, Rigg strolls back to the courtyard. Her expression is concerned but the arrangement of her body does not correspond.

timbre in her voice is absent.

The children's puzzled looks at her do bring out the one persuasive moment of grief: she cannot return their gaze stares wildly over their heads, and her fingers play a frantic tattoo on the back of her chair. The moment does not last; the schizoid argument with herself is just a muddle.

Kent's Grand Guignol tab-lean of the children cornered in the window produces a genuine shock. Nuala Willis's mezzo-soprand is good to hear, though it is odd that only she in the Chorus is a profes-

But the production is full of oddities and missed chances: Aegeus's boots show the dust of his travels, yet Jason returns from his bride's flaming bedroom unhinged but unsinged.

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Unconvincing: Diana Rigg as Medea at the Almeida

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Modern British sculpture was transformed by the profound kinship Moore felt for this 1,000-year-old figure, discovered at Chichen Itzá. And, as if to repay the debt, London now plays host at the Hayward Gallery to The Art of Ancient Mexico, a selection of the very finest Mexican art. The earliest exhibits date from ten centuries before Christ, but there is nothing sealed-off about this survey. Most of the assembled

images have an immediate and irresistible appeal.
Not that these objects were produced as "art" in the modern sense. They were intended to perform rimalistic roles, enhancing the religious ceremonies at the centre of pre-Hispanic life. Although the show coincides with the Columbus Quincentenary, it celebrates a civilisa-tion which had nothing to do with the culture imposed on Mexico by the brutal Spanish conquest.

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Richard Cork on a London show of ancient Mexican art

One of the most outstanding exhibits is closely related to the so-called Chac Mool that inspired Moore. But this reclining figure, caught so arrestingly between straining vigilance and repose, was proba-bly connected with the cult of the sun. The receptacle clasped in his raised hands once held the hearts of sacrificial victims, offered to the sungod from an altar.

No exhibition, of course, can hope to convey the grandeur of the surroundings such images once inhabited. A handsomely-mounted slide-show in the final room gives tantalising glimpses of the palaces, pyramids and shrines which still testify to the pre-Columbian genius for architectural magnificence. The Hayward's designer has succeeded in evoking the spirit of the places without resorting to theatricality.

At the beginning of the survey, six erect figures stand on tall plinths in a space as vast as the hall of an ancient temple. We walk past them on a steeply sloping ramp, conscious of the carvings' utter stillness and impassivity. One stame, representing a priest associated with both death and eroticism, sports a skull on the front of his conical cap. Although a heart-shaped form juts from his stomach, he looks grim and implacable. But no more so than Chicomecoail, the goddess of fertility nearby. She gazes out as severely as the priest, and the elaborate, piled-up headdress rests on her as heavily as a building.

Looking at this stern, potent presence, we become acutely aware of the stone block from which she was hewn. The goddess must once have performed a load-bearing function. helping to support the temple she once occupied with such poise.

f everything on view were as sober as these undernonstrative figures, the show would be an austere experience. But further exploration yields an astonishing variety of poses and moods. At first glance, the full-length carving of Ebecati, the god of wind, appears serene enough. But then we notice the hands, half-raised in expectant gestures. This deity is active, and the bizarre mask projecting from his mouth gives him an unexpectedly surreal quality.

Judging by traces of red pigment, the mask would originally have stood

out even more startingly from the rest of the discreet, grey-stone figure. Shaped in the form of a bird's beak, which identifies the "maker of wind", this weird appendage seems ready to

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blow destruction through its opening. Part of this statue's peculiar power stems from the normality of its bodily

proportions. Apart from the duck's-bill mask, the figure is the most classically constructed of all Mexican carvings. But in the spacious showcases where so many of the smaller objects are displayed, a far more unruly spirit prevails. Released from the need to make monumental sculpture as dignified as possible, the makers of these delightful figurines

gave way to abandon. The playful side of the Mexican temperament is most evident in the uninhibited animal pieces. A kneeling monkey holds his upturned head as if to prevent it from falling off. An exuberant finial spirals into the shape of a snail waving in the air. Many of these seemingly simple images contain a complex web of meanings. Take the carving of a hunchback.

the most arresting example of the Mexican capacity for realism. Both the swollen spine and the projecting thorax are handled with painful conviction, while the hunchback's face is defined with an almost patronising lack of sympathy. But the single strand of hair hanging from the back of his head denotes a triumphant warrior: a mark of virile distinction in Mexican society. Hunchbacks were venerated for

their connection with a deity called Nanahuazzan, translatable as Little Turnour. Despite his deformity and a

sore-covered skin, this redoubtable figure built the vast Pyramid of the Sun in Teotihuacan before throwing himself into a fire and, according to

legend, becoming the star king.
In the end, though, the most affecting Mexican images come from funerary offerings found in tombs. One clay figure of a woman is modelled with a near-oriental delicacy. Resting both hands on her stomach, as if to celebrate her fertility, the almond-eyed nude smiles with bearific contenument.

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She was surely meant to soothe the dead soul's journey beyond the grave. whereas the ceremonial mask found in a Mayan tomb probably acted as a reminder of the corpse's face. Rich jade mosaic helps to stylise the features, and the petalled ear-pieces give the image a decorative flamboyance. But the realism of the fleshy nose and full-lipped mouth suggests a faithful portrait, made still more compelling by the dark, obsidian pupils set within white-stucco eyes.

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# 'Someone, Lamont, has to pay'

Alice Thomson reports on the mood now in a "political barometer" which voted

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Conservative in the last election

he people of Mitcham and Morden are confused. On Wednesday, the day when the fundamental tenet of government economic policy over the last two years - the maintenance at all costs of the pound's parity within the ERM was abandoned, it was clear that the citizens of this south London constituency had no understanding of why the government had pursued its policy and no appreciation of the implications of change. Why should they? they said, no one else knows what is going on either. Like its more famous sibling.

Basildon, Mitcham and Morden is regarded by all parties as a barome-

ter of political opinion. The seat was created in 1974 and was a marginal Labour constituency until 1982, when the Falklands factor helped to give it to the Conservatives In a by-election.

The constituency has none of the rambling houses of neighbouring Wimbledon or the tower blocks of

Streatham. The people are solidly middle class. They commute into central London or Croydon during the week and enjoy the local golf courses and back gardens at the weekend. There is a growing ethnic population and a couple of 1950s

housing estates.
The 1980s did them proud: the council is the only big employer and most of the jobs came from flourishing small boutiques and businesses. But by the April 1992 election unemployment in the area had risen to 10.8 per cent, crime had escalated and many of the frippery shops had closed. People still said they would vote Conservative, however, and Angela Rumbold was returned - just. Most Conservative voters in the constituency now say their vote had how Labour would handle the economy. They thought that what-

ever happened the economy would slowly start to turn and the Conservatives would be the best helmsmen

Now they are deeply confused. In the last three months unemployment has gone up to 11.4 per cent, another 400 small businesses have gone into receivership and the property market has stagnated so

ong that it has begun to smell.

Mitcharn and Morden is dissatisfied with the government but equally disengaged by Labour's policies and totally bored by economic equations. The government may be worrying about how to keep this an economic rather than political crisis, but if there was an

> election tomorrow people of Mitcham and Morden would rather be on the golf course than at the ballot box. "Where is John

Smith? He is meant to be providing us with a ready packaged alternative," said Jane Somerville, picked up her children from the

primary school in Mitcham (she wanted to send them to private school). "I have always voted Conservative but so much has happened since the last election I have almost forgotten why."

On London Road Iris Clark was, polishing the light bulbs in the shop she has owned for 20 years. the Domestic Electric Disco Centre. They are getting rid of all small shops. Soon we will just be one shopping mail, small shops can't survive any more," she told her clients. Mrs Clark is trying to sell her shop and retire. "It's all very well joining the Europeans. I've nothing against them, I'm Hun-garian myself," she said. "But we should be getting the same benefits as them. My friends in Ireland are getting £30 more than I will in my pension and Ireland meant to be a poor country."

Mrs Clark voted Labour at the



last election but says both the major parties are abysmal: "Britain is dying. If this was any other country we would be sending over food parcels and humanitarian aid, but in Britain it is OK for us to suffer as long as we don't make a noise."

A man came in looking for a heater for his fish tank, which Mrs Clark miraculously provided. He had a more robust view of Britain. "We lost it in the second world war," Jeremy Pearson said. "It's not Britain's fault, the Germans and French have been trying to get back at us for years: French farmers, German bankers, now those speculators. At least Mrs Thatcher was strong enough to cope. Mr Major is

The conversation turned to the monarchy. "At least the Queen Mrs Clark said and laughed. Annette Schisser, 28, the manager of The Travel Shop in Mitcham. has got a mortgage and since her boyfriend left she has been forced to

pay it on her own. The only thing that interests me at the moment is the interest rate," she said. "I can live on baked beans, but if interest rates go up I'll have to work seven days and nights a week just to survive."

Ms Schisser's father is Swiss and she is thinking of moving to Switzerland. "My cousin there is only 20 and he has his own flat, two cars and goes on holiday abroad three times a year. And he only works for the railways."

There used to be five garages down the London Road. Now there are two. "I don't let myself think about the economy. All my energy is spent trying to shift cars," said Neil Glasser from Performance Cars. "I never vote for the same building projects and get the gov- sales negotiator for Ellisons estate calls about bringing football back

lasgow has witnessed

a series of assaults on, and blackmailing of,

homosexuals, organised by a ring of criminals using rent

boys as bait. The boys, in their

teens, are often victims them-

selves, runaways looking for food or shelter. A year ago

Brian McKenna, aged 36, a

declared homosexual, set up

the Glasgow City Liaison Group to help both the black-

The group is a counselling

service for homosexual men

threatened either with expo-

sure or, more usually, with

violence unless they pay the blackmailer off. It also finds

shelter for the rent boys in an

attempt to keep them from the

grip of the gangs.
About 45 per cent of the 2,500 calls Mr McKenna's

group has received have come.

he says, from professional men

in positions of responsibility.

call from a senior

member of the

legal profession

in Edinburgh, a

city awash with

allegations of

homosexuality in

high places. An

increasing num-ber of calls come

from south of the

border - Black-

Last week, he says, he had a

mailed and the boys.

about recession, but it really sorts out the workers. I work 9 to 9 while some of these dealers go home at five and want a six-week holiday."

urther down the street Kevin Forkan, the managing director of Grouprate Cars Mitcham, had to leave at 5pm to pick his daughter up from Brownies but said there wouldn't be any business if he stayed on anyway. Four of his neighbours have recently gone bankrupt. "There is only the Conservative headquarters and the garages left along this stretch of road," he said. He voted Labour but was initially relieved when the Conservatives got in "because people bought cars for a month". Now he would vote Labour again. "We need to put money back into

They always spend a lot." He wants Labour to come out against the rest of Europe and the Japanese. There is already too much foreign trade. We've got no work for our young men. What is going to happen to them?" he said. As i walked out of the shop, he shouted: Do you understand why it is so

wicked to devalue?"

and Morden appear cynical. Katle Allen, 18, who is training to be a hairdresser, said: "I don't understand politics and I don't want to have any responsibility when things go wrong. But there must be more to life than just finance. What about the environment and Aids? You never hear about the minister for social affairs."

Many of the young of Mitcham

Paul Truman. 20, is following the markets more carefully. He is a reason. Everyone is belly-aching ernment to employ more brickies. agent in Morden and does not to mainstream television."

think anyone will want to view houses until Monday, "Last time I voted Conservative with my parents but I won't do it again if Lamont is still there. Someone has to pay," he said. "I hope the French vote 'no'. because then we can get back to

At Bardays Bank in Micham, the manager, Stuart Crowther, said it had been a quiet week. But the local Conservative office had had several calls. Small businesses are , the most concerned, "Most have not borrowed heavily but they are worried about the future." said Oliver Colvile, the agent. "Other European countries are having problems but the British are inherent worriers. They don't know what Maastricht or the French votes are about: they are still worrying. But we have had just as many telephone

that a victim be named only as

Mr X in open court.
But a senior Strathclyde

police officer explains: "Ulti-mately it is up to the court and

different procurators fiscal may handle cases differently." Most of Mr McKenna's group's work is confined to

advice and listening. "We are

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> nearest minute? (Washington is 5 hours. behind GMT, Oklahoma City is 6 hours behind GMT and Denver is 7 hours behind GMT. Please use the 24 hour clock and assume that all actions are continuous)

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#### Arid history

PHOENIX, the capital of Arizona. is the gateway to the joys of the desert. This sprawling city is built on the site of ancient Indian villages, whose inhabitants were the pioneers of irrigation in the desert. It got its name in the 19th century, when the settlers prophesied it would rise up again like the bird of legend which happened when the Roosevelt Dam was opened in 1911. harnessing the Salt River to the north of the city. Now it is a very prosperous high-tech and business centre. and a jump-off spot for adventurous tourists. You can take trips out into the spectacular Arizona desert by jeep. The Navajo Indian Reservation is not far away: here among the red sandstone canyons there are signs of Indian life going back for 1,500 years. Beyond it lies the Petrified Forest, with its fossilised trees: it is a crime



Miles deep and yards wide

bounds of the National Park, but there are other petrified trees outside it from which polished wood souvenirs are

The main goal for tourists out of Phoenix is the Grand Canyon. It is best to book for an overnight stay (ring the Park Lodges from Phoenix), because sunset and sunrise over the desert are what you should be seeing.

The Grand Canyon itself is

a tremendous gorge through which the River Colorado flows, thousands of feet below. In some places it is as little as five yards wide at the top and the different rock strata stand out like steps on its sides.

# **Gays fight** the gangs

A Glasgow homosexual refused to

be blackmailed - and started a

support group with clout

McKenna says. "Only three people, including a police-man, will be privy to the facts." More often than not the victim, faced with the prospect of giving evidence in open court, decides to take his case no further. And it may not be possible to corroborate an assault or attempted extortion as the Scots law of evidence is stricter than the English.

But the very

fact that Mr Mo

Kenna's group is

'We will sit up all night for the victim, waiting for the

pool, Newcastle, Manchester and Eastbourne. Mr McKenna knock' is negotiating with Glasgow District Council for offices to replace his two-

bedroomed flat as the group's headquarters. The group of eight full-time unpaid counsellors, including a former policeman, operates 24 hours a day, seven days a week. If they arrange to meet anyone, the counsellors always go in pairs for their own safety and reputation, and to safeguard the reputation of those they visit.

Although mainly providing advice, the group has estab-lished confidential links with Strathclyde police. "If someone comes to us we can take the facts anonymously to the police for an opinion, but only if the person wants us to," Mr

known to have the ear of the police can act as a deterrent to further blackmail, says Mr McKenna, who himself paid more than £8,000 before reporting that he was being blackmailed to the police and then had his life threatened, ar-

son attempts made on his home and fast food business and his car smashed after he made a public stand.

"We will sit up all night for the victim, waiting for the knock," Mr McKenna says. "When it comes we answer the door, say who we are and ask their business. They run away. We know who they are." But he insists there is no place for vigilantism. "That way you are no better than the

blackmailers." According to Mr McKenna, there are ways for a victim who decides to go ahead with court action in Scotland to minimise the chances of exposure in the

#### TOMORROW

"We seem oblivious of our great heritage of public parks, which are now seriously under threat." Sir Roy Strong in Weekend Times

press when the case comes to court. It requires the help and understanding of police, procurators fiscal (the independent prosecutors in Scotland) and sheriffs or judges. Middle names can be left out of official documents. A man who, for instance, is a taxi driver can correctly be described as "selfemployed". A judge can direct

not promoting homosexual-ity," he says. "We try to provide tender loving care, not sexual loving care."

On Tuesday he believed he was on the brink of a breakthrough. A rent boy involved in a blackmailing ring had come to the group in desperation and agreed to talk to police in confidence. "Nothing may come of it." Mr McKen-na says. "But the fact he is willing to talk is a start."

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#### Has feminism failed?

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# Saying prostate out loud

More men know about the function of the ovary than they do the position, purpose - and possible complaints - of their own prostate gland. Liz Gill clears some of the clouds of ignorance and embarrassment

hen François Mitter-rand, the French preswent into hospital a few days ago for an operation on his prostate gland he was sharing an experience common to 30,000 Britons every year, as well as at least one of his predecessors — Charles de Gaulle — and Ronald Reagan and Lord Wilson.

Yet despite its prevalence, pros-tate disease is still surrounded by ignorance and either concealed altogether - details of M Mitterrand's operation were released only after rumours started to spread that he was dying — or referred to euphemistically as "a spot of trouble with the waterworks".

As Clive Gingell, consultant urologist at Southmead Hospital in Bristol, says: "People seem to know almost nothing about it. I even had the proofs of an article returned to me recently with prostate corrected to 'prostrate'. Not

times men think

they are just a nor-

mal part of aging, and adjust their

lives accordingly.

The trouble is that

as the years go by

only do we not know where it is or 'I feel it is what it does, we don't even know time we how to spell it. can be very embarrassing, but some-

focused more attention on men's health'

worsen they have to make more and more adjustments. They really become slaves to their bladders. It's only after they've had treatment that they realise just how bad it had become. It can be very rewardig to treat because patients are often like

new men afterwards." Mr Gingell was one of the speakers at yesterday's launch of Better Prostate Health, a campaign aimed at raising public awareness of the gland which lies at the base of the male bladder, surrounding the urethra, and which produces vital fluid to help transport and nourish sperm. With a grant from the pharmaceutical company Merck Sharp and Dohme, the campaign organisers plan to distribute posters and leaflets to health centres and chemists. They have also produced a video and set up a telephone information line with Hilary Jones, the GP who broadcasts on medical matters for TV-am.

"I feel it's time we focused more attention on men's health," Dr Jones says. "A recent Mori poll found that men know less about their own bodies than they do about women's. For instance, 87 per cent of men know the function of the ovary. But only 32 per cent know about the prostate gland.

"At the same time men are very reluciant to visit their doctor. But although the campaign is about

men's health we know that educating women is just as important. It's the men's wives or partners who often finally succeed in encourag-

ing a visit to the GP for help."

The most common condition is benign prostatic hyperplasia (BPH), which could affect up to 2.4 million men in the UK, or one in three aged between 50 and 79, according to a study carried out in Stirling by Edinburgh University. The study also found a wide disparity between the number of men troubled by symptoms and those who actually consulted a doctor. Even those who did seek help had frequently had the symp-

toms for a year or more.
In BPH the prostate — normally the size of a chestnut - enlarges. sometimes to the size of an orange, gradually narrowing the urethra, the channel through which urine passes to the outside, and leading to difficulties in urinating. Symptoms include impairment of the size and

force of the urinary stream; difficulty in starting, interrup-tion of the stream and dribbling afterwards: a frequent need to urinate; a feeling of urgency: bladder has not been emptied.

The symptoms tend to be troublesome rather than painful unless the enlargement is so severe as to lead to

urinary retention - an inability to pass water at all - which is what led to M Mitterrand being rushed

Roger Kirby, consultant urologist at St Bartholomew's Hospital in London and author of a book on BPH out next month, says "A lot of men do let it get to this stage. We still get five or six such cases a week.

"Bladder disturbances can really affect quality of life. Sufferers can be obsessed, they become expert in toilet logistics and become panicky if there isn't one nearby. You hear wives say their husbands cannot drive for more than an hour or they have to keep getting up in the night and disturbing them. Yet the men are often afraid to seek help because they are embarrassed or worried about the stigma of incontinence. Or they think they've got cancer or they are worried that they'll have to have an operation."

In fact, although the transurethral prostatectomy (removal of the prostate gland through the urethra) is still a common procedure, there is increasing interest in medical and other alternatives. Drug treatment may use alpha blockers which relax the smooth muscles in the gland, or Proscar, which shrinks it. Mr Kirby often uses both in combination as an alternative to or a way of postponing surgery. However, alpha



President in the news: François Mitterrand's prostate problem is shared by thousands of men

blockers are not suitable for men with low blood pressure as they can cause fainting. Other alternatives include stretching the urethra by inflating a balloon-like device inside it, although this is not considereci very successful in most cases; or inserting metal "stents", or springs, into the urethra to hold it open (the drawback here is that they encourage the formation of stones); heating the gland with hyperthermia, using microwave energy to kill the portion of the prostate immediately adjacent to the urethra (the process is expensive, with machines costing up to £400.000); or using lasers to vaporise or shrink the gland.

There is a lot of enthusiasm for and interest in these alternatives because the problem is such a common one that patients do not want surgery if it can be avoided."
Mr Kirby says. "What you get, though, depends on where you live whether you are near a big teaching hospital for instance — or whether you can go private: they are keen to try these new things. At the same time the risk-benefit ratio of these new treatments still needs careful evaluation."

Surgery usually involves the re-moval of about a third of the prostate in a procedure where a in this country and claims about

cutting loop is pushed down the urethra and the enlarged tissue pared away and washed out. The risk of dying from the operation within 90 days is about 1.5 per cent, mainly because, Mr Kirby says, it is performed on a lot of very elderly men who often have other diseases as well.

he other drawback is that surgery interferes with the neck of the bladder, rendering it incapable of shutting off during ejaculation. The likely result is that the patient will suffer retrograde ejaculation afterwards when sperm remain within the bladder instead of leaving the penis. However, the ability to have an erection is not usually lost, nor the sensations of debate, particularly in America, orgasm, although fetility is likely to be substantially impaired, "You get occasional cases of impotence," Mr Kirby says, "although this is more likely to be psychological rather than physical."

Tissue that is removed during the

operation is checked for signs of malignancy, which are found in about 10 per cent of cases - as they have been in M Mitterrand's.

Prostate cancer is the second most common cancer among men 8,000 lives a year. Treatment is either palliative, or involves radiation, drug therapy or surgery: a radical prostatectomy involves the removal of the whole gland. "It is a big operation which means impotence and infertility and would really only be countenanced to save the life of a young man with a localised cancer," Mr Kirby says.

As tumours require supplies of the male hormone to sustain them, sufferers are sometimes given chemical or physical castration.

Nobody knows what causes prostate disease, which seems to be slightly on the increase - although this may be due to increased longevity. Environmental and lifestyle factors may play a part.

At the moment there is much over the value of screening: earlier discovery increases the likelihood of cure. "Prostate cancer is very unusual in men under 50," Mr Kirby says, "but quite common in the over-sixties. A man of 60 will not consider himself old, and he may well expect to live another 15 years or so, but screening involves blood tests and rectal examinations and would cost time and money."

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## **Learning to** love yourself

Almost half of Britain's households will soon consist of people on their own. How will they handle the years of solitude?

measures of positive men-tal health is how constructively people use their solitude. With six million people in Britain now living alone, twice as many as 30 years ago, solitude is in greater supply than ever before. But little is known about how well people

By the end of the century four out of ten households will be single people or solo parents, according to a survey published this week. Fewer than a third of them confess to being lonely. Yet the capacity to live alone has to be learnt, according to psychologists. Can we suppose that the remaining two thirds have learnt it so successfully that their solitude has become a source of happiness, even of fulfilment?

Many people who live alone do so for negative reasons - to escape warring parents, intrusive friends or demanding spouses, But one of the great

cultural myths of our time, according to Eric Midwinter, a former director of the Centre for Policy on Ageing, is that "the trade winds of family life are automatically to be preferred to the doldrums of living alone". Many people prefer living alone. even if it means lonelihorrors" of the extended

Having a stable part-nership is, in any case, no guarantee against loneliness. Research shows that as a buffer against adversity, support from a partner may be less important in adulthood than support from friends. Men benefit more from marriage than women, and while bereavement may bring sadness, it may also be an occasion liberation.

The best guide to loneliness is not the range of a person's social circle but

his or her income. Among older people, almost half those on lower incomes say they often or occasion-ally feel lonely, compared with only 18 per cent on higher incomes. Half those on lower incomes say they have enough company, compared with more than eight out of ten on higher incomes. Money brings status and freedom of choice. Loneliness is associated with narrowed options and a sense of loss.

There are many ways of living alone. Researchers from the University of Geneva have identified six means of adapting to solitude based on interviews with widows. The tormented (18 per cent of the sample) are crushed by loneliness and depression even though they have the support of friends and relatives, and the isolated (22 per cent) may go for several days without seeing anyone.

Better adjusted than these were

ne of the most sensitive the misanthropes (9 per cent), who said things like "the less I see of my friends, the better I feel", and the busy (15 per cent) who found the answer to solitude by filling their day with appointments. Most suc-cessful of all were the "at peace" (12 per cent) who "found tranquillin after a lifetime of struggle", and the "stable, well adjusted" who are described as having a naturally harmonious temperament and have overcome solitude with "courage, good sense and optimism".

David Weeks, the principal clinical psychologist at the Royal Edinburgh Hospital, who presented these findings at a London conference this week, said their weakness was that they assumed personality was immutable, "Many of us may respond in any of these ways depending on the situation and how we choose to react to adversity," Dr Weeks says.



Alone, but unhappiness is not inevitable

Much loneliness is the result of people making harsh judgments about their own lack of social skills. which then inhibit their efforts to communicate and increase their sense of isolation. They tend to downplay other people's inadequacies while exaggerating their own.

Research shows that moving old people who have lost family and friends to residential care or sheltered housing often falls to over come their loneliness. "The most important issue for policy makers is when the move to residential care should be made on account of loneliness," Professor Anthea Tinker, of the Age Concern Institute of Gerontology, says, "We may have to look for solutions within ourselves, how to keep our friendships in good repair, how to continue to enjoy life and how to be ourselves on our own."

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## **Treating breast pain**

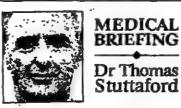
SO IMPORTANT is the early detection of cancer of the breast that few patients are aware of the causes of benign breast disease, or its treatment; yet the overwhelming majority of patients who consult their GPs with breast symptoms will not be suffering from cancer. Professor Robert Mansel of the University of Manchester, writing in a recent edition of the magazine

The Practitioner, states that one third who consult their doctor about their breasts will have a palpable lump, and a half will have pain; and, contrary to a dangerous popular myth, a painful breast is not always benign and the first sign of breast cancer can be, and often is, pain. The initial, and most important, task of the patient's doctor is to exclude cancer as a cause of the symptoms, whatever

the age group of the patient. Fortunately, cancer of the breast is exceedingly rare in the under-30s

but becomes progressively more likely in the older age groups: even so, it is still comparatively common for doctors to be consulted by older post-menopausal women who have been reassured that a newly discovered lump is a cyst or a patch of fibroadenosis. Benign breast disease is comparatively rare in post-menopausal women, or in any case those not preserving their youth with HRT, and therefore, as Professor Mansel advises, a woman of this age who has any lump needs urgent specialised investigation. Doctors, when discussing breast disease, as well as instigating investigations and providing reassurance, can also talk

prevention. Evidence is



hardening that diet may play some part, and Dr Baghurst of the Division of Human Nutrition, Adelaide, quoted research to a conference this week to show the value of a high fibre diet.

Nodular, lumpy, breasts which tend to be painful, often at period times, have to be distinguished

lump, with a well defined border, within it. Even in a nodular breast, any well-defined lump is important and needs to be shown to a doctor.

Breast pain in benign breast disease is probably due to changes of sensitivity of the breast to circulating hormones. and not to actual changes in the level of these hormones. Women can be reassured that there is no evidence that painful breasts are a sign of neurosis (although people's pain thresholds do vary), or to water retention: therefore

Painful breasts can be related to HRT or contraception and appro-

tranquilisers or diuretics are not

alleviate the problem. Three groups of drugs will help breast pain in 75 per cent of cases. Evening Primrose is the safest, but even so a few patients, less than 10 per cent, may find that it slightly upsets their turnmy but it is otherwise free of side-effects. Its use is associated with one problem: patience is needed as it takes time, up to three or four months, to act.

The other two groups of drugs which are used for breast pain are the more powerful Bromocriptine and Danazol. Both have side effects. Bromocriptine, which reduces the level of the breaststimulating maturity hormone, prolactin, can give rise to headaches, nausea or constipation; and Danazol, a synthetic hormone, causes some masculinisation, a coarsened oily skin, increase in hairiness, deepened voice and

## Cold comfort

A HEAVY night's drinking followed by chilling sweats in the early hours is enough to lower most people's resistance to the common cold, which is all too often the price paid for the extra brandy, or two. But for the moderate drinker, the enviable man or woman who sticks to their two glasses of wine, pint of beer or two tots of spirits, there is better news. These drinkers will, it seems, not only be less likely to suffer coronary heart disease, but there is also evidence that they may escape the common cold.

Mims Magazine reports that one of the last pieces of research from the common cold unit at Salisbury shows that moderate drinking haives the number of colds which the modest tippler can expect to catch. David Tyrrell, the former director of the unit, gave this good news to the annual meeting to the British Society for Allergy and Clinical Immunology in South-ampton recently. He added one caveat: it seems that smokers, however little they smoke, lose this advantage and pick up infections

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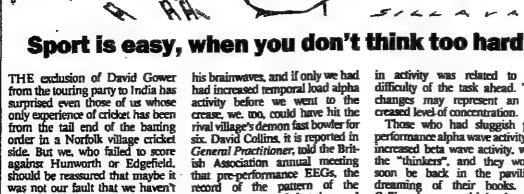


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the "thinkers", and they would soon be back in the pavilion. dreaming of their books. Dr Collins, it seems, thinks that too

# Freedom and a hot bath

he British hospitals which received 68 Bosnian refugees this week had been warned initially to be ready for battle casualties with serious wounds from gun and mortar fire. But few of the new arrivals

are in this category.

Most appear to be suffering principally from the more insidious ravages of malnutrition, the average weight among one group is 7st 7lb. Two have serious spinal injuries, and were taken by helicopter to the Royal National Orthopaedic Hospital. Stanmore, for specialist treatment,

Red Cross doctors selected the detainees who were in most urgent need of treatment, from an estimated total of 12,000 still held in Serbian controlled detention camps. But they could only send those in a

condition to survive a journey in a plane not equipped as a flying hospital. The refugees came as urgent priority cases aboard the first relief plane to fly out since an Italian supply plane was shot down two weeks ago.

Hospitals in the north east Thames health region had been waiting for nearly a week to receive the refugees as soon as clearance for the flight was secured. At first the project was planned in secret, because of fears that publicity might leak back to the fighting forces and expose the plane to attack. Firm confirmation that the group were coming was not received until the plane had taken off, four hours before the hospitals received their pa-

"Here at Watford, our hospital was one of those where surgical teams were set up to handle possible casualties in the Gulf war," says Andrew Hart, the medical care group manager for Watford general hospital, Hertfordshire, which received 19 of the refugees, the largest single contingent. Our Gulf team of 20 nurses has been disbanded, but we can still call on many of those skills. But in fact, we have Bosnian refugees may take time to wash away their

pain, reports George Hill

found that the main problem has been malnutrition. The refugees were all able to walk, except for one who was in plaster with a serious fracture. Two arrived on crutches A number have broken limbs. and one or two have gunshot wounds.

All the refugees are male. Most are apparently in their twenties, though one is as

'It is terribly sad to see young men in their twenties looking so gaunt and emaciated'

> young as 16, and one is 70. Their first concern of the refugees arriving at Watford was a hot bath, after weeks in the squalor of camps infested with parasites and disease. A second large group of 18

patients was taken to Orsett hospital, near Greys, in Essex. "It is terribly sad to see young men in their twenties so gaunt and emaciated," says Harry Naylor, a surgeon and medical director of the NHS trust to which the hospital belongs. "They remind one of pictures from wartime concentration camps. But none of them is in the extreme state of mainutrition, where the patient must not be allowed to eat. The fitter ones were very pleased to polish off plates of pizza and chips at once, and then they asked for seconds. When they arrived, they were very bewildered. But once they started to realise they were among human beings, they picked up quickly - some of them were

quite keen to find out if they

could see Liverpool's Wednesday night match on

In their debilitated state, the refugees will have been vulnerable to any infectious diseases at large in the camps, such as tuberculosis, typhoid and amoebic dysentery. They may themselves be infectious, and are being "barrier nursed" initially until they have been fully tested.

One almost certainly has tuberculosis, and two have quite severe dysentery." Mr Naylor says. "We need to isolate them initially to protect our staff and the community We want to avoid unnecessary public fears. These conditions are not common ones in this country today, but they are not

In spite of the patients' general neglect, it was found at Watford that those with gunshot wounds had received adequate basic treatment in Bosnia, One fracture will need further surgery to pin the broken bone together. The two most serious-

injured men were

sent to Stammore, which is the regional spinal injuries unit. "One is a boy of 17 who has been left quadriplegic after being shot, and the other is a man of 24," says Malcolm McGreevy, the chief executive of the hospital. "They are still being assessed, but it looks as if the boy is going to need care for quite a long time. It may not be possible to reverse his condition fully, but it is often possible to restore a certain amount of function. I understand that the other man has been beaten up. We must find

instance, Although British hospitals outside Northern I reland have not often been called on in recent years to treat casualties of military action, the medical problems involved are familiar. Stanmore was also a hospital that was put in readiness for the Gulf war. Language barriers might be

expected to be among the

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Haunted by memory: a gaunt-faced refugee is carried from the mercy flight

problems of receiving refugees whose only language is likely to be Serbo-Croat. In fact. most of the hospitals have been able to find nurses or doctors from the region among their own staff, and they have been able to act as

The patients are naturally very anxious about their relatives and friends, and they want to let them know that they are safe," says Mr Hart in Watford. "We have a chap working full time on that, and we have already managed to locate relations for four of them.

The men have been told they can stay in Britain for treatment for at least six months, and that their families may join them if they can

The least severely affected should be able to leave hospital in about a week, but their

mental scars from months in enemy hands might take a long time to heat. "They will need a lot of support," says Mr Hart. "Our psychological department is already involved. with the chaptain. It will be some time before those problems are fully resolved. What sometimes happens is that as patients get better physically that only creates room for their psychological condition to grow worse."

## A sense of mission

A London hospice has become a model for the care of Aids patients

coording to James Glass of the Terence Higgins Trust, "what makes the Mildmay special is its ordinariness".

Five years ago, the Mildmay - an independent Christian hospital - was transformed from a local hospital for the communities of London's East End into Britain's first hospice for people with the Aids virus. During that time, it has

given care and respite to more than 600 people. One in ten of the 'A terminal people in Britain care arena who have died from Aids-relatis no place ed diseases have done so here. This year, the to debate Mildmay Mis-sion hospital lifestyles' celebrates its centenary on its cur-

rent site. It is a dowdy red-brick building tucked away between the council flats and disused warehouses of Hackney Road in east London. A concert at Westminster Central Hall tonight opens the celebrations. A plaque over the entrance to the hospice is a reminder of

its Christian roots: "He sent them to preach and to heal". With that message in mind. the Reverend William Pennefather. Mildmay's founder. sent his deaconesses into the slums of Bethnal Green during the Victorian cholera epidemics.

Today the Mildmay does not preach. "The arena of terminal care is no place to debate lifestyles," says Ruth Sims, the chief executive of the hospice. "We are dealing with articulate, intelligent. mainly young group of people who want to take control of their own lives." The parliamentary social services select committee has recommended that the care it offers Aids sufferers should be a model for the nation.

The atmosphere at the Mildmay is purposefully homely. Each patient has his or her own room. Patients are

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patients, not clients. The stairwells and hallways need a lick of paint, the lifts are rickets.

"Every penny we have goes on the wards, on the training and on the staff," says Ms Simms. From a medest stan, growth during the first five years as a hospice has been rapid: at first there was foom only for nine people, but a third ward means there is now accommodation for 28

Perhaps for the first time in its history, the Mildmay has a relatively secure future. Len years ago, at a time when small was not considered beautiful, it was shut. A national campaign and march to Trafalgar Square saved it and guaran-

wed its independence. Of the £3.4 million budget for this year, 89 per cent has already been paid by the department of health. The rest comes from voluntary donations.

Plans for expansion are ambitious: more educational training, particularly abroad in countries such as Nigeria and Tanzania, more rooms, more counselling. A special appeals committee has been

formed to raise £7.2 million. First priority is a new unit for mothers and children with the Aids virus. When it opens next year, this will be a world first, Research in the United States shows that among women, the average time between presentation of the virus's effects and death is just 45 days. "Women are refuetant to go into hospital if they tear there is no one to look after their children," says Veronica Moss, Mildmay's medical director. Some of the £1.5 million needed to set up the unit has been pledged, but there is a long way to go. But as Ms Sims says, "We have already come a long way."

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high technology hal-loon could cut the number of serious casualties in car accidents by almost a third ... yet car manufacturers are so far slow to offer the life-saving equipment.

Airbags, balloons which inflate automatically on crash impact to protect the heads and chests of driver and passenger, are being adopted as a standard fitting in cars in the United States after a welter of research proved their value.

The need to perfect an airbag came from the curious American concept of "passive safety". Complex liability laws there, coupled

with an inbuilt American re-'Drivers stand sistance to being told to use sear belts. forced manumost, with a facturers to find some way of saving lives without requiring the reduction in driver or passenger to take crash deaths' any action

was an ideal solution, but was laughed off the drawing board when it was first suggested in the 1970s. 20 years after first being patented by Walter Linderer, an engineer based in

The main fear surrounding airbags — that they will ex-plode accidentally while the car is moving happily along the motorway at 70mph - has been largely discounted by sophisticated electronics. Mercedes-Benz has fined more

than a million airbags so far. Drivers stand to benefit most, with a 40 per cent reduction in deaths in road crashes as their heads and chests are protected from smashing into the steering wheel and dashboard. The chances of survival increase

reduction among those American drivers who also use a

Those impressive statistics cannot be ignored by British safety agencies, which is why the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents is now pushing the government hard to have similar legislation implemented here.

Mercedes-Benz, however, announced this week that all 12 models in the company range would get front seat passenger airbags as well as driver bags as standard.

All cars also get anti-lock brakes in one of the biggest safety pushes seen by any manufacturer in this country.

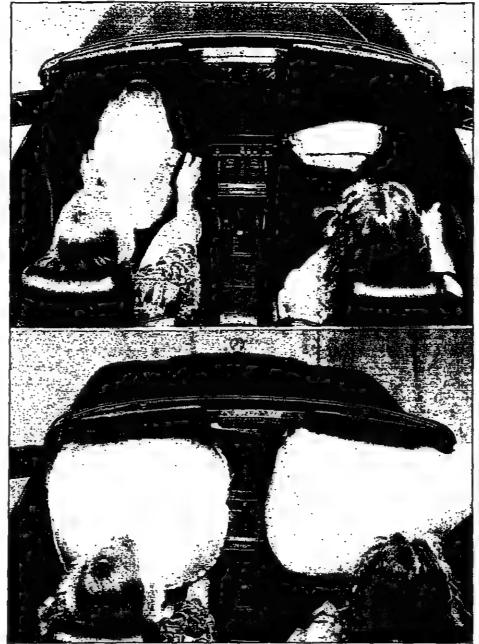
The news is welcome but underlines the fact that such a radical safety realistically only be avail-able to a small percentage of well-off car buyers. Vauxhall

says that it will have driverside airbags available as an option on its new Astra range. But the Astra will be an exception in a market which. even in recession, sees some 1.6 million new cars taking to the roads each year, but an annual toll of deaths and

311,000. The research from the United States, which shows an across-the-board reduction in moderate and severe injuries in crashes by 29 per cent where airoags were used, was enough to convince RoSPA that manufacturers must consider it essential equipment.

accidents of more than

not an option. David Rodgers, RoSPA's road safety adviser, says:
"While seat belts provide protection in a collision and a second safety and says a second sa tection in a collision, occupants can still receive horrific course, is that it is not so



Airbags: a radical safety advance, but only available to a few well-off car buyers

injuries if their heads are smashed against the steering wheel or dashboard. "America is adopting the fitment of airbags as standard. Is it such a mammoth problem for all cars manufactured in this country to do the same?" he

The short answer to that, of

difficult to engineer airbags into current cars. Companies that export to the United States, such as Jaguar, have to fit airbags by law, so the technology is there. But is the

Mercedes carried out research 12 years ago into airbags, inventing a system in 25 milliseconds of a collision. A small pyrotechnic charge triggers a burst of gas, mainly nitrogen, into the bag, thus cushioning the driver or passenger as they are propelled forward on impact.

Mercedes says that the airbag technology is tried and tested, and that it works

#### 'This is an alarm call from your dashboard'

THE TIRED DRIVER WARNING SYSTEM

Cars could soon be equipped with sensors to warn tired drivers

when it's time to pull over

he camera on the dashboard of a Granada saloon makes no obvious movement, but six times a second it will be warrhing to discover whether one of Ford's top engineers is too tired or even too drunk to drive.

The tiny camera will scan his eye movements, counting the number of times he blinks to determine whether he is fit to be at the wheel. This is no futuristic spy but a

device which engineers believe could help cut the number of road deaths drastically within a few years.

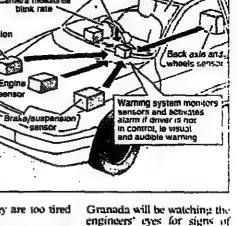
There are 50,000 road deaths across Europe each year, about 4,500 in Britain alone. Most accidents are not the fault of the car, which has become increasingly sophisti-cated, with anti-lock brakes, improved crash protection and

other failsafe systems.
Engineers are convinced that, while they can introduce technology to make cars safer, they can do little if the driver is not in full control.

As many as 70 per cent of accidents are attributed to driver error, often caused by fatigue or drunkeness which leads drivers to fall asleep at the wheel or lose concen-

Drivers, particularly those who do high mileages and think of themselves almost as "professionals", are notoriousy bad at taking advice. So how does the engineer make a human as reliable as a machine?

A team of 30 engineers at Ford's main research centre at Dunton, Essex, are about to find out, by living with the "magic eye" which will tell



acceleration.

prolonged staring and slim

blinking, indicators that fa-

tigue is setting in. At the same

time, a series of sensors

around the car will my to detect

any unpredictable movements

steering, braking or

When the ear's on-board

computer detects enough ir-

regularities, it is instructed to

give a warning. When it has been decided

what form the warning will

take, it will be tried on some

Ford customers in tests later

this year. A warning buzzer or

a dashboard display would be

A more novel approach, said

Raj Prasad, a research supervi-

sor at Dunton, would be for

the car to switch the air-

conditioning automatically to

cool, and to puff into the

passenger compartment a fra-

grance, almost a mild smell-

ing salt, to bring the driver

down, because that holds out the prospect of being even more unsafe," said Mr Prasad. "The police udvise

drivers feeling drowsy to wind down their windows to wake

up. We could provide a more

sophisticated version of that by

stimulating the driver until he

can do something about the

"We cannot shut the car

the simplest answer.

them when they are 100 tired យ drive.

They will use their Ford Granada to travel thousands of miles between suppliers and universities, which art as consultants to the research team, to test equipment which could be in use on all cars by the mid-1990s.

Dunton is one of about a dozen facilities working on a joint European project to develop the traffic and safety systems of the future and to

'As many as 70 per cent of accidents are attributed to driver error'

reduce European road deaths by 30 per cent and congestion

by 20 per cent. Ford's main task has been to develop a sensor system which gauges when the driver should pull over.

The most vigorous tests have taken place over the past three weeks, although Ford customers could have their first sight of the system before the end of the year ... and themselves become guinea pigs.

FOUR WHEEL DRIVE

KEVIN EASON

situation he is in.

## Small and perfectly formed

Curvy lines, gadgets and an eager engine make the Honda CRX a winner

Then it comes to a cheap motoring thrill, there can be little doubt that Honda's little CRX provides the most fun you could have with your clothes on. The car is unashamedly built to please. Kevin Eason writes. There are no frills, no publicity sheet excuses about the environment, or anything else: you will drive the CRX because you

Based around Honda's Civic series, the CRX is a tiny twoseater with an interior cabin which could have been built exclusively for the Munchkins (or perfectly built five foot, sixinchers like mej. Six-footers need not apply for a model with more in common with Dinky toys than full-size sports

The size of the interior can be guessed by standing by the driver's door. The model stands little more than waist high. But it has the sort of curvy lines that makes sports car nuts drool and that have other motorists craning their necks to find out what just passed them.

It also has one of the most amazing electronic gadgets on the market: a unique foldaway hard-top which, at the touch of a button, peels away to be

Cold

start

ALL IS not well in the rush to

conquer the sales opportuni-

ties in the former Eastern

Bloc. Rover admitted this

week that its order for 5,000

cars worth £50 million from

Russia and Siberia had foun-

dered with the possible demise

of a third party agent com-

pany. Orbicom. So far, Rover

has supplied only 32 cars and

the firm has no idea whether

the rest will ever be sent.

Meanwhile. Fiat has been

struggling to get production of

its little Cinquecento car under

way at the FSM car plant in

Poland, where workers look as



The Honda CRX: the most fun you could have with your clothes on

stored in the boot. Release two levers, push a button and the boot lid raises itself to suck in the roof lid. An astonishing show almost worth the demonstration to pedestrians, wheth-

er it is raining or not. Somehow, it still seems absurd that the sports cars with the most appeal and that create the biggest stir in the High Street are not British. But the Japanese, through Toyota's MR2, Mazda's MX5 and now the CRX, have simply read the demands of the marketplace better than their British counterparts and moved a stage further than the hot hatchback into true two-

The result is not a car with performance to scare dogs. grandmothers and children but a car with enough zip to inject some fun into daily

Something white

MOTORISTS, cyclists and

pedestrians have been asked

to "brighten up" this winter, to

ensure they are seen by other

road users. The Metropolitan

Police has launched a month-

long campaign to reduce the

119 accidents a day recorded

during October and Novem-

LANCIA will be looking for a

revival in its sliding fortunes in

this country with the launch of

its facelifted Thema range.

Sales of more than 1,000 in

the first eight months of 1991

so the Thema, appearing at the car arrives.

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Thema dream

motoring. And it is relatively cheap, about £600 less than a Ford Escort XR3i cabriolet, for

Honda has not put that much effort into making the CRX hourious. Apart from the sportily striped seats, the dashboard is basic while the area behind driver and passenger amounts to little more than a storage area for a slim suitcase. If you travel light or can afford a decent-sized saloon as your main, everyday transport, however, why

The CRX boasts one of the most advanced engines on the market. The 1.6-litre version of Honda's advanced VIEC delights in being revved, is eager and responsive in any

gear and at any speed.
The CRX is simply a delightful car to drive. There is

this year's Birmingham motor

show, grows in importance to

the Italians. The range gets

revised 16-valve engines.

transmission and suspension.

BMW has decided to tackle

the lukewarm reception of its

8-series coupe by adding a new 380 brake horse power

The new CSI gets a bigger

5.6-litre engine, stiffer suspen-

sion, traction control and ac-

tive rear axle. The result is a 0

to 60mph acceleration time of

under six seconds and a top

speed electronically limited to

155mph. The price will be

announced in the spring when

Fast mover

ROADWISE

no particular reason why a car like it should exist: it is not particularly economical, it is not that fast, it is not luxurious nor is it particularly space efficient in offering a big passenger cabin or boot.

But it is fun — a lot of fun — and putting smiles on a few faces in these grim days is as good a reason as any for being in the showrooms.

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Performance: top speed 118mph, fuel economy 30.7 miles to the gallon for VTi around town.

#### Long runner

OLD age has clearly not wearied Michael Davison's Mercedes. After 318,000 miles the car is still going strong. The company director bought the 500SE new in 1984 to run between farms in Cambridgeshire. Norfolk and Bedfordshire. He says it has let him down only once, when a throttle spring snapped.

**What, no dip?** AN early Christmas present idea for the motorist with a sense of the absurd: a pair of

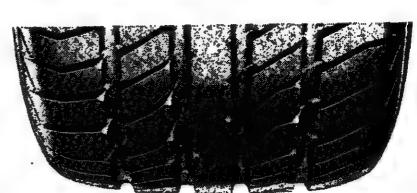
car-shaped slippers with working headlamps (£19.95). The offer was spotted in the latest Innovations Report, that strange glossy magazine full of gadgets. The battery powered slippers, it says, "safely light your way in the dark".

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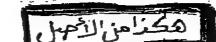
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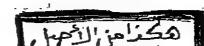
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# Libel claim can be brought as malicious falsehood

Another Before Sir Donald Nicholls, Vice-Chancellor, Lord Justice Butler-Sloss and Sir Michael Kerr [Judgment July 31]

A claim in malicious falsehood in espect of a statement which could also give rise to defamation proceedings would not be struck out as an abuse of process provided that the pleadings disclosed the essentials of a cause of action for malicious falsehood.

That was the case even where the plaintiff's main reason for so proceeding was to facilitate an application for legal aid, which was not available in defamation actions, and notwithstanding the fact that the defendant would in consequence of the plaintiff's choice of tort be denied an absolute

right to trial by jury.

The Court of Appeal so held in a reserved judgment allowing an appeal by the plaintiff, Linda Joyce from Mr Gilbert Gray, QC, sitting as a deputy High Court judge of the Queen's Bench Division, who on December 12, 1990, on the application of the defendants, Kim Sengupta and News (UK) Ltd, struck out, as an abuse of the process of the court, the plaintiff's statement of claim alleging malicious falsehood. Mr Geoffrey Robertson, QC and Mr Andrew Nicol for the plaintiff;

THE VICE-CHANCELLOR id that in 1989 Miss Linda Joyce had been employed by the Princess

Regina v Northampton Mag-

istrates' Court, Ex parte

Before Lord Donaldson of

Lymington, Master of the Rolls,

Lord Justice Nolan and Lord

Where the issue of a warrant of

commitment had been postponed

on condition that a community

charge defaulter made payments

by instalment under regulation 41

of the Community Charges (Administration and Enforce-

ment) Regulations (SI 1989 No

438) justices could, on the applica-tion of the charging authority.

issue a warrant committing the

defaulter to prison for breach of the

condition in his absence from

court, so long as he had been given

The Court of Appeal so held

dismissing Mr Ronald Newell's

appeal from Mr Justice Henry (The Times April 20) who had

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notice of the hearing.

[Judgment July 27]

Mr Desmond Browne, QC, for the

Royal as her lady's maid. On April 25. Today had published an eye-catching arricle written by its chief crime correspondent. Mr Kim Sengupia. The article had clearly referred to the plaintiff and had made several assemions.

In particular, the article had said that she had stolen her royal employer's intimate letters, had handed the letters to a national newspaper, had been ordered not to go into rooms where there might be confidential papers, and had been or had been about to be

One might have expected that proceedings for libel would have followed. The article had been grossly defamatory. The news-paper had not published any retraction or apology, although it had not sought to say that the assertions of fact were true. However, the plaintiff did not have the money needed to pursue proceedings at her own expense and legal aid was not available for defama-

unlike defamation, legal aid was available. Legal aid had been granted to the plaintiff and the action had followed.

falsehood. From that decision the plaintiff had appealed.

article contained several serious

The remedy provided by the law for words which injured a person's reputation was defamation. Words might also injure a person without damaging his reputation. An example would be a claim that the

submitted that trial by jury in defamation actions was a constitu-

a tort which would not have been relied upon save for the plaintiff's need to secure a collaieral purpose

necessarily damage the reputation of those concerned. The remedy provided for that was malicio His Lordship was unable to falsehood, sometimes called initial-

proceedings.

cept of a legitimate juridical advan-

tage had been taken from the field

of conflict of laws and there was no

place for it in wholly domestic

Many causes of action over-lapped. When more than one

cause of action was available to a

plaintiff he might choose which he

would pursue. His Lordship had

never heard it suggested that a

plaintiff in those circumstances

had to pursue the most appropriate remedy and if he did not do so he

was at risk of having his proces

ings struck out as a misuse of the

court's procedures. Those sugges-

tions were as unfounded as they

The plaintiff was not seeking to

avoid a trial by jury and had said she would not oppose any applica-

tion the defendants might wish to make for a jury. His Lordship could detect no improper use of the court's process by the plaintiff 2 "Economic lunacy" and legal

Mr Browne had submitted that

another reason why the action was

an abuse was that only nominal

damages, or at best modest dam-

ages of a few hundred pounds, would be recoverable by the plain-

tiff. The amount she stood to obtain was wholly out of line with

the costs each side would incur.
In practice, the defendants

would never recover their costs even if they were successful and

even if they made a payment into court in excess of any damages awarded at the trial. Mr Browne

had submitted that, so far as the

plaintiff was concerned, the action was "economic lunacy", given that any damages awarded to her would be swallowed up by the

Legal Aid Board's charge over them as property recovered in the

was a hopeless submission. Even assuming the defendants to be

correct in their submission as to the likely damages recoverable by the plaintiff, his Lordship did not see

how it followed that the action

should be struck out as an abuse.

The plaintiff's main purpose in bringing the action was to clear her

name and there was no reason why she should not be entitled to

The reality was that the defen-

plaintiff had obtained legal aid to

pursue the action. They feared that

With all respect to counsel that,

ous falsehood or trade libel. Falsity was an essential ingredi-ent of the tort. The plaintiff had to establish the untruth of the statement of which he complained. Malice was another essential

Further, since the object of the cause of action was to provide a person with a remedy for a false had caused him damage, at com-mon law, proof of financial loss was another essential ingredient. The rigour of that requirement had been relaxed by section 3 of the Defamation Act 1952.

The false statement might also e defarnatory, or it might not. As already mentioned, it did not have to be defamatory. Conversely, the fact that the statement was defamatory did not exclude a cause of action for malicious falsehood, although the law would ensure that a plaintiff did not recover damages twice over for the same

Abuse of process

No right to trial by jury

It was as plain that had legal aid been available for libel, the action would have been a straightforward defamation action. In an action for malicious prosecution the plaintiff mancious prosection ine plaining had to take on the burden of proving that the words were false and that in publishing them the defendant had been actuated by malice. It would have made no

If the action had been in defamation she would not have had to prove malice and if the newspaper had wished to put in issue the truth of the defamatory ions it would have had to

One consequence of the action being a claim for malicious false hood and not defamation was that there was no absolute right to a trial by jury (see section 69(1) of the Supreme Court Act 1981), although the court retained a discretion to order trial with jury.
Counsel for the defendants had

sel had submitted that the action should be struck out by the court as an abuse of process because it was based on a secondary tort which deprived the defendants of their ibsolute right to have a jury trial. That right was a legitimate juridi-cal advantage which they would have had if the plaintiff had relled

By a "secondary tort" was meani the prospect, not intended by

riffs pursuing claims against them

founded on detamators articles. As to those fears, it was vital to keep in mind that the decision whether or not to grant legal aid had been entrusted by Parliament to the Legal Aid Board, not the court. Parliament had presented a framework of limitations and conditions but the Legal And Board retained a discretion

If the defendants considered legal aid should not have been granted in the case, one course open to them was to take up the matter with the Legal Aid Board. as was commonly done by unassisted parties. 3 Action incapable of success

The defendants' third subssion was that the action was incapable of success and should be struck out summarily. So far as the statement of claim was concerned. his Lordship was satisfied that, although open to criticism here and there, it did disclose the essentials of a cause of action for malicious falsehood. The pleading raised an arguable issue and it did so in terms sufficient to inform the defendants of the case against

Having considered the deten dants' affidavit evidence, his Lordship said that in some cases a that a trial was not necessary, but

The plaintiff claimed, first, that she had suffered financial loss in consequence of the Today article Second, she relied on section 3 of the Defamation Act 1952, which provided: "In an action for slander of title, slander of goods or other malicious falsehood, it shall not be necessary to allege or prove special damage - (a) if the words upon which the action is founded are calculated to cause pecuniary dum: age to the plaintiff and are pub-lished in writing or other

permanent form ..."
That was an allegation of general damage. In support of that claim the plaintiff could not adduce evidence of actual loss: see Lord Denning, Master of the Rolls, in Calvet v Tomkies (\*1963) I WLR 1397).

His Lordship did not accept. however, that in consequence the award under that head had necessarily to be nominal only. The whole purpose of section 3 was to give the plaintiff a remedy in malicious falsehood despite the difficulty of proving actual loss His Lordship would allow the

and give the plaintiff leave to amend her statement of claim.

Theodore Goddard.

#### Power removed by discharge

parte Ward Before Lord Justice McCowan and Mr Justice Jowan

Dudement Jak 241 Justices erred in committing a clendant to the crown agent to be dealt with for breach of a probation order which had already been discharged, albeit that the discharge had been by mistake

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court so held, allowing Terry Ward's application for an order arrioran to quash the decision of Brent Justices on Junuary 21, 1991 to commit him to the crown cours under section 6(4) of the Powers of Criminal Courts Act 1973 to be dealt with for the breach of a probation order.

The applicant had earlier ap-peared at Brent Magistrates' Court on August 17, 1990 when Mr McKittnek, metropolitan stipendun magistrate, had made an order that to the probation order be revoked and un the applicant be committed to Knightsbridge Grown Court to be dealt with for the breach. On November 9, 1990 Judge Lawrence at Knightshridge Crawn Court decided that the committal had been invalid because of the revocation order which had preceded it and he remitted the matter to the justices for a valid committed.

applicant: the justices did not appear and were not represented. LORD JUSTICE MCCOWAN

Mr Edward Emporald for the

said that the applicant's argument was that as the probation order had already been revoked the

for breach of the order. If the discharge had been made in error it should have been corrected within 28 days as laid down in section 142 of the Magistrates' Courts Act 1980.

In his Lordship's judgment it the first commutal proceedings had been invalid and the 28 days had passed then the error could not be cured. On the other hand, it the revocation had been invalid

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The judge at the crown court should have come to a conclusion on that and then either resentenced the applicant of declined to The judge should not have sent the matter back to be recommitted The further committal was on any

The validity of the first committal depended on whether the had been valid. It was obvious that the stipendiary magistrate had not intended that the applicant should go free, none the less be had obviously intended to discharge the probation order

That mistake could have been recubed within 28 days. That course had not been taken. The discharge of the order

istrate's power to commit. It was intended to commit and that therefore the discharge of the order was invalid.

Mr Justice Jowan agreed Solicitors: Sinclair Taylor &

#### **Corroboration** discussion

R v Royle R v Hall

It was essential for a discussion to take place between judge and counsel in the jury's absence when an issue arose over corroboration in a complicated case. The Court of Appeal (Lord

Taylor of Gosforth, Lord Chief Justice, Mr Justice Swinton Thomas and Mr Justice Judge) so stated on July 27 when quashing Crown Court Judge Webster and a jury) of Michael Royle and Robert Hall, both aged 37, of robbery and an offence relating to car taken without authority Royle had been sentenced to 10. years and Hall to eight years

MR JUSTICE SWINTON THOMAS said that the case underlined yet again what had been said in their Lordships' court on a great number of necessions. It was essential, particularly in a

case of some complications, where an issue arose as to corroboration, that there should be a discussion between the judge and counsel in the absence of the jury about the corroboration and the direction on that which should be given to the

In the instant case, there had been no such discussion and, in the absence of a proper direction on corroboration, the convictions could not stand and had to be

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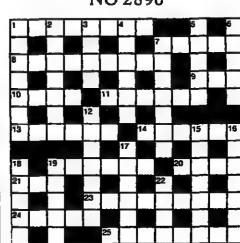
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Miss Joyce's case was that the

untruths regarding her: contrary to what was said in the article, she had not stolen the letters, she had not been banned from rooms containing confidential docu-ments, she had not been dismissed in consequence, she had not been required to undertake that she would not discuss the letters and she had not been on bad terms with the princess. She had left her employment with the Princess Royal, but her resignation had been for personal reasons un-connected with the statements in

Miss Joyce asserted that the article had been published maliciously: Mr Sengupta and the sub-editor who had chosen the dline "Royal maid stole letters" had been recklessly indifferent about the truth or falsity of the serious allegations. She damages, asserting that the article falsely portrayed her as untrustworthy. That had damaged her future employment prospects. She also claimed exemplary damages and an injunction against

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sense for Miss Joyce to take on that

plead and prove justification as a defence.

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if the action were permitted to proceed, the floodgates would be The Legal Aid Board would be flooded with applications for legal aid to pursue claims for malicious falsehood against newspapers. Newspapers would be faced with

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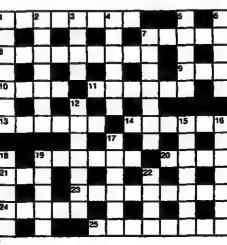
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By Raymond Keene, Chess Correspondent

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The defendants had then app-lied to strike out the statement of claim as an abuse of the process of the court. Mr Gilbert Gray, QC, had acceded to that application. deciding that a case of defamation had been forced into the ill-fitting

refused his application for judicial review of a decision of Northampton Justices committing him to prison for 80 days for nonpayment of the community charge. Mr David Matthias and Mr William Bojczuk for Mr Newell; Mr James Findlay for the charg-ing authority; the justices were not

THE MASTER OF THE ROLLS said that on Mr Matthias' submission, where the issue a warrant of commitment had been postponed, the magistrates' only power to entertain the charging authority's application was under regulation 41(1) and that before exercising the power to issue the warrant under regulation 41(3) they had in the presence of the debtor to make enquiries as to his current means, although they were

entitled to treat the result of their

previous enquiry as to wilful re-fusal or culpable neglect as bind-

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It was thus regulation 41(3), not regulation 41(1) which em-powered them to entertain an application for the issue of a commitment warrant whose issue had previously been postponed. Regulation 41(1) only applied where no such decision had been Lord Justice Nolan delivered a

judgment concurring in the result and Lord Justice Scott delivered a judgment concurring with the Master of the Rolls. Solicitors: Duffields, Chelmsford; Sharpe Princhard for Mr P.

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10.00 News, regional news and weather (4575383) 10.05 Playdays. For the very young (s) (9387321) 10.25 Barney. Animation (r) (4578470) 10.35 The Flintstones. Cartoon adventures of a Stone Age family (5231079)

News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (8050499) 11.05 The High Chaparral. Vintage western adventures (r) (4375168) 11.55 Northern Lights. A portrait of Frank Nelson, part mechanic, part

artist and part comic (r) (4894166) 12.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (7042944) 12.05 A ds. A look at the medicinal properties of garlic (r)

(2167586) 12.55 Regional News and weather (58125494) 1.00 One O'Clock News. (Ceefax) Weather (17334) hbours. (Ceefax) (s) (43013505) 1.50 Eldorado (r). (Ceefax)

(s) (45747692) 2.20 Going for Gold. Quiz game with European contestants. The Question-master is the evergreen Henry Kelly (s) (86613470) 2.45. The Flying Doctors. The first of a new series of the drama set in the Australian outback. The Coopers Crossing townsfolk are astonished when the father of a new baby declares it is Christ's

second coming (9621186)
3.30 Bugs Bunny Triple Bill (5152302) 3.50 Christopher Crocodile. A new series of animated adventures narrated by Derek Griffiths (8932857) 4.00 The Little Green Planet Show. Science fiction fun (s) (8827031) 4.15 Chipmunks Go to the Movies. A new cartoon series (s) (6457296) 4.35 Maid Marian and Her Merry Men. The last in Tony Robinson's medieval role-reversal comedy starring Kate Lonergan (r). (Ceefax) (8611876) 5.00 Newsround (3645296) 5.10 Grange Hill. Children's drama serial

set in a secondary school (r) (Ceefax) (s) (3301128)
5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax) (s) (232760). Northern Ireland: Inside

6.00 Six O'Clock News with Peter Sissons and Moira Stuart. (Ceefax)

Weather (895) 6.30 Regional News Magazines (147), Northern Ireland: Neighbours 7.00 Eldorado. (Ceefax) (s) (2505)

7.30 Bread. Another episode from the comic life of the Boswells, the work-shy scouse family created by Carla Lane (r). (Ceefax) (s) (401) 8.00 Challenge Anneka. The first of a new series in which the enthusiastic and energetic Anneka Rice attempts the impossible. Tonight she is asked to save Heely city farm in Sheffield. It has been run on a shoestring and the buildings are in danger of being

9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Michael Buerk. (Ceefax) Regional news and weather (7654)

9.30 Between the Lines: Words of Advice. Tough and compelling drama series about internal investigations within the police force, starring Neil Pearson. Tony Clark, with his married life in tatters, investigates a complaint of sexual harassment by a WPC against a black sergeant. (Ceefax) (s) (566499)

10.20 Film: Crimes of the Heart (1986) starring Diane Keaton, Jessica Lange and Sissy Spacek, Strongly-acted black cornedy, based on Beth Henley's Pulitzer Prize-winning play, about three emotionally unstable southern sisters who share their woes, idiosyncrasies, jealousles and resentments during a fateful reunion. Directed by Bruce Beresford (659079). Northern Ireland: All-Ireland Football Preview 10.45 Film: The Honorary Consul 12.25am-1.25 Paul

12.00 Film: The Two Faces of Dr Jekyll (1961) staming Paul Messie and Christopher Lee. Stylish but weakly scripted Hammer version of Robert Louis Stevenson's classic tale of Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde, directed by Terence Fisher (1191838) 1.25am Weather (8568180)



Emotionally unstable: Keaton, Lange and Spacek (10.20pm)

#### BBC2

6.45 Open University: Rural Life — Victorian Farming (6869128). Ends 8.00 Breakfast Nams (\$149470)

8.15 Writers' Houses. Hugh Casson visits north Oxfordshire, where Flora Thompson grew up in the 1880s and which inspired her Lark Rise to Candleford (r) (9162321) \$.30 The Italians. A portrait of 20-year-old Natina Manglaviti as she prepares to marry the son of a family friend (r) (36692)

9.00 Daytime on 2. Educational programmes 2.00 News and weather (34114789) followed by 2.95 Words and Pictures (r) (50756012) 2.15 Weekend Outlook: A preview of the weekend's Open University programmes (r) (34197012) 2.20 Racing from Newbury. Julian Wilson imroduces five coverage of the 2.40, 3.10, 3.40 and 4.10 races (s). Includes News (Ceefan) and

weather at 3.00 and 3.50 (34973944) 4.25 Film: Hello, Frisco, Hello (1943) starring Alice Faye and John Payne. Lively, colourful musical charting the up and down romance between a Barbary Coast entrepreneur and his leading lady. Directed by Bruce Humberstone (52716857)

6.00 Stingray. Science fiction puppet adventures from the 1960s (r). (Ceefax) (787447) 6.25 The Man From UNICLE. Tongue-in-cheek secret agent adventures starring Robert Vaughn, David McCallum and, this week, Vincent. Price (r). (Ceefax) (656789)

7.15 Sounds of the Sixties. Clips from the BBC's oop music arrhive including the opening of Top of the Pops in 1964 (r). (s) (334741) 7.45 What the Papers Say. With John Diamond (795760) 8.00 East: Living Off "the Game".

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© CHOICE: Continuing its exploration of the downside of Asian life in Britain, East highlights the growing number of women who are turning to prostitution. The story is the familiar one of supply and demand. It often starts with youngsters pushed out onto the street by an unhappy home life. Initial distaste at practising the oldest profession is offset by the realisation that it can bring in many times the participant of a respectable inh. And since Asian profit has an the earnings of a respectable job. And, since Asian prostitutes are sought after, there is no shortage of clients. One women describes becoming a prostitute on the rebound from a severe Sikh upbringing. She still thinks the job nasty and degrading and is desperate to keep it secret from her parents. She fears the share could push her mother to suicide (s) (9895)

8.30 Gardeners' World. The last in the series, presented by Geoff Hamilton and Liz Rigbey (8302)

9.00 Naked Video. Comedy with a Scots slant, starring Gregor Fisher, Helen Lederer and friends (r). (Ceefax) (s) (5296)



Blood feud: Albanians in the territory of Kosovo (9.30pm)

9.30 Under the Sun: Tribes of Europe — Forgiving the Blood. CHOICE: The anthropology series returns with a timely look at ethnic tensions in the former Yugoslavia. The territory of Kosovo is ruled by Serbs who claim it as the birthplace of their nation and their Christian Orthodox church. But 80 per cent of the population are Albanian Muslims. Isak is an Albanian whose elde killed by a neighbour after an argument over a cow. The killer was also an Albanian and according to an ancient code of honour Isak must avenge his son's death by killing one of the men in his neighbour's family. At the same time the Albanians know that the Serbian policy of ethnic cleansing will soon be turned on them and they need to stay united. Isak's dilemma is whether to adhere to his sense of honour or stifle thoughts of revenge in the interests of ethnic solidarity. It makes an engrossing film. (Ceefax) (s) (557741) ling Sights. Sir Norman Foster praises the jumbo jet (r) (709079)

10.30 Newsnight with Francine Stock (779321) 11.15 Birdland featuring Courtney Pine and Wynton Marsalis (s) (456128)

11.55 Weather (528654) 12.00 Film: Jarrapellejos (1986). Strong Spanish drama, set in 1912, about a powerful landowner who meets his match in the young woman her tries to seduce. Directed by Antonio Giménez-Rico (373819), Ends at 1.50am

The many countries and

5.00 TV-aun (5692383) 9.25 Win, Lose or Draw. Celebrity game show hosted by Danny Baker (6296302) 9.55 Thames News (7766031)

19.00 The Time ... The Place ... Topical discussion series (7030166) 10.40 This Morraing. Magazine series on domestic matters presented by Judy Finnigan and Richard Madeley. Today's edition includes items on relieving stress and consumer advice. With national and international news at 10.55 and regional news at 11.55 followed by national weather (9766673)

12.18 Rainbow. Pre-school learning series (?) (\$800050) 12.30 Lunchtime News with Dermot Murnaghan and Sonia Ruseler (Oracle) Weather (2885079) 1.05 Thames News (69190692) 1.15 Home and Away: Australian family drama. (Oracle) (459499) 1.45 A Country Practice. Medical drama (s) (441470)

2.15 Highway to Heaven. Jonathan, the apprentice angel, and Mark his human helper go to the assistance of a popular schoolteacher threatened with early retirement (6014418)
3.10 ITN News headlines (4577505) 3.15 Thames News headlines (4576876) 3.20 The Young Doctors. Drama senes set in an

Australian city hospital (3689418)
3.50 Scooby Doo. Cartoon (4423079) 4.05 Astro Farm. Animation about a puppet family larming in space (s) (6415234) 4.15 Victor and Hugo. Cartoon about a pair of inept crooks. With the voice of David Jason (s) (6466944) 4.40 Knightmare. Dungeons and Dragons-type challenges (8603857) 5.05 Cartoon featuring Porky Pig (3662963)

5.15 LNT News and weather (3328895) 5.40 Early Evening News with John Suchet. (Oracle) Weather (134789)

6.00 Home and Away (r). (Oracle) (682893)
6.25 On the Buses. Vintage comedy set in a bus garage, starring Reg Varney and Doris Hare (r) (905321)
7.08 Family Fortunes. Game show hosted by Les Dennis. (Oracle) (s)

(7673) 7,30 Coronation Street. Bet is dealt a blow by the brewery. (Oracle)

8.00 You Best presented by Matthew Kelly. Risking forfeits this week are Jessica Martin, Annabel Giles, Jack Tinker and Steve Ovett (s)



natised true story: drug running and murder (9.00pm)

9.00 Crime Story: All Good Friends.

• CHOICE: This collaboration between five ITV companies, each of which is supplying episodes, is based on the assumption that despite Crimewatch, Crime Monthly and the Michael Winner show, the appetite for true crime is still not satisfied. Unlike the others, however, Crime Story offers dramatisations rather than reconstructions, with the emphasis not so much on whodunit but why. The project sounds promising but it gets off to an undistinguished start with a nasty little tale of drug running and murder from 1979. Granada Television, which made it, is usually reliable in the drama field but here the characters are as clicked as the script and the actors can make little of either. The flashback structure, and the voice-over narration, devices pinched from the Bywood film noir, hinder rather than help. (Oracle) (4673)

10.00 News at Ten with Trevor McDonald and Carol Barnes. (Oracle)
Weather (606741) 10.35 LWT News and weather (615234)
10.40 The London Programme Special presented by Trevor Phillips. A
film following the fortunes of a group of teenagers who left the
same school this summer looking for work (591470)

11,40 The Young Riders. Western adventures of a group of Porry

Express riders (428321)

1.35am American Gladiators. More tests of strength and strategy

2.40 GinemAttractions. The latest American movie news (9587277) 3.15 Raw Power. Rock music magazine (s) (957513)
4.15 Out of Limits. Spectacular sporting achievements (11334664)
4.35 Baseball 1992. A new series of Major League baseball from the

United States (8681364) 5.30 ITN Morning News with Phil Roman (86548). Ends at 6.00 CHANNEL 4

6.00 The Channel Four Daily (5690925) 9.25 Schools (88948383)

12.00 Camargue. The first of a two-part documentary about the famous wetlands of southern France (r) (s) (63234) 1.00 Sesame Street. Pre-school learning series (r) (49654)
2.00 I Love Lucy (b/w). Classic American comedy series staming Lucille

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Ball and Desi Amaz (86626944)

2.25 Racing from Ayr. Derek Thompson introduces live coverage of the 2.35, 3.05, 3.35 and 4.05 races (34967383)

4.30 Countdown. Richard Whiteley presents another round of the

words and numbers game (s) (352)
5.00 Traveller's Tales: As American as Apple Pie. The concluding part of Jimmy Tingle and Alan Schroeder's journey from Canada to ico down the centre of the United States in a Ford convertible (r). (Teletext) (4586)

6.00 Blossom. Comedy senes starring Mayım Blatik as a teenage girl in an otherwise all-male Los Angeles household (505)

6.30 Happy Days. Nostalgic American high school comedy series.

7.00 Channel 4 News with Jon Snow in Paris and Zelnab Badawi in the studio. (Teletext) Weather (855418)
7.50 First Reaction (s) (953393)

8.00 Brookside. Soap set in a suburban Merseyside close. (Teletext) (s) (4963) 8.30 Stranger in the Family. Adrienne Fitzwelliam's account of life with Neil, her husband, after they were both injured in a car accident. He sustained brain damage and returned home with virtually no

memory of his life before the crash (r) (3470)

9.00 Garden Club. Visits to private gardens and allotments all over Britain. (Teletext) (3692) 9.30 Cheers. The regulars at the Boston bar become superstitious about an antique scale they think can predict the future (r). (Teleten)

10.00 Nurses. Black comedy set in a Miami hospital. (Teletext) (s) (33505) 10.30 Terry and Julian. Camp sitcom starring Julian Clary and Lee

Simpson (s) (19925)
11.00 Paul Merton: the Series. Comedy sketches from the men with the dead-pan face (r) (s) (5437)



Prisoners of war. David Bowle and Tom Conti (11.30pm)

1.30 Film: Merry Christmas, Mr Lawrence (1982). ● CHOICE: A collaboration between Laurens Van Der Post, whose novel supplies the raw material, and the experimental Japanese director, Nagisa Oshima, examines relationships in a prisoner-of-war camp in Java in 1942. The rock star David Bowie is intriguingly cast as a brave British major whose unusual modus vivendi with th Japanese commandant forms the core of the film. Tom Cont shines as a fellow captive. The battle of wills and the East-West culture clash have echoes of The Bridge on the River Kwai, though this film is less coherent, less comfortable and more cerebral than

David Lean's impeccably crafted epic. The commandant is played by another rock artist, Ryuich: Sakamoto, who was also responsible for the memorably serie music (14328586)

1.4Sam The Twillight Zone: The Passer-by (b/w). A tale of the supernatural (3640277). Ends at 2.10

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4.00 Ernest Goes to Jail (1990): Comic meadventures staring fin Varney (3012) 6.00 in the Unit of Duty: Slege at Marieon Iai (12m) (73165679)
8.00 Rodry V (1990): Sylvester Stalione makes another comeback (70176676)
10.00 The First Power (1990): A psychic tracks a supernatural killer (915147)
11.40 The Octagon (1980): Martial artistering Chuck Norrs (536875)
1.35am S.O.B. (1981): A director turns a family film into an X-rated story (77334890)
3.50 Humter's Blood (1986): The hunters become the hunted (568093): Ends at \$3.30

THE MOVIE CHANNEL

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6.15am Harwell (1966; The history of missonsnes on the bland (5744750)
9.00 The Return to Boggy Creek (1977);
Morster fun for children (36112470)
10.35 All Dogs Go to Heaven (1988);
Muscal cartoon (43661857)
12.15pm One, Two, Three (1961); Billy Wilder cornedy about selling Coca-Cole behand the Iron Curtain (230031)
2.15 The Outh-of-Towness (1970); A couple (lack Lemmon, Sandy Dennes) pay a disastrous wist to New York (250895)
4.15 Duncan's World A boy and a raccoon investigate an explosion (13963)
6.15 Apache (1952); Burt Lancaster plays the last Indian warrior (64754505)
8.05 Reversal of Fortune (1990): The case of Class von Bulow (54137876)
10.00 Arena (1988); Gladiators in the future battle for money (513789)
11.40 Run (1990): Partick Dempsey is pursued by the mob and the police (191925)
1.15am (restor (1985); Manel Herringway districts scientist Peter O'Toole (266616)
3.05 Henry and June (1990): Drama about a love triangle (4704906). Ends at 5.25
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Show (92895) 10.00 locks in the Hall (61437)
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 3.30em Stretch (53470) 7.00 Torus (53760) 8.00 Team Pool Championship (61789) 9.00 Stretch (13876) 9.30 Australian Rules Footbal (2022/5) 11.30 Stretch (66895) 12.00 Ringside (54586) 2.00pm Nebusturs (9963) 2.30 Highing the West (5944) 3.00 Howard Keel Golf Classic (71673) 5.00 The Boot Boom (1050) 5.00 Social Weeksed (20554) 7.00 The Boy Laegue Hall v Warrington (116470) 9.30 Nebusters (32499) 10.00 Social Weeksed (57012) 11.00 Howard (57112) 11.00 Howard (57112) 11.00 Howard (57112) The High Laegue (187 Phi) (2184364)

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(79673) 9.30 Speedway (48079) 19.30 ParisMoscow-Beijing Raid (49401) 11.90 Volvo
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(22451) 1.00am Notre Dame College
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RADIO 5

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Look Ahead 6.20 World Business Report 6.29 News 6.30 News in German; Heute Aktuel
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HTV WEST

As London except: 1.45-2.15 The Young Doctors (441470) 3.20-3.50 A Country Practice (3555418) 5.10-5.40 Home and Assay (9565789) 6.00 HTV News (963) 5.30-7.00 HTV Sportsweek (215) 10.40 Film: Sebastian (75076447) 12.35-1.35 Rescue 911 (5242884) HTV WALES

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5.00 in Tune: Michael Berkeley is in Wales for the start of the Cardiff Festival 7.30 Cardiff Festival 1992: Live from St David's Hall. BBC Wales Compile to Carties

wesh Symphony Orchestra under Tadaaki Otaka performs Rachmaninov (Rhapsody on a theme of Paganini: Nikolai Demdenko, piano) 7.55 Preserving Prague. Martin 8urt reports on the efforts by British and Czech architects to preserve the criv's buildings.

ornesarve the city's buildings, including the Tyl theatre. 8.15 Smetana (Ma visst)

9.40 Young Americans: The Death of Amantacha. William T. Vollman reads from his new power and Eathers and Conserve

narrative of the Jesuits in Quebec 18.00 Scribes and Scholars: The

novel, Fathers and Crows, a

Jacobes and scriolars: The New London Corsont under Philip Pickett performs music from the monasteries of medieval Europe. Anon (Hebet Sidus); Philip the Chancellor (Pater Sancte Dictus Lothanus); Walter of Chatillon (Licet Eger Cum Egrotis); Philip the Chancelor (Ad Cor Tuum Revertere); Anon (Sic Massante)

sound picture of New Orleans (and the intriguing title of their programme would have had to go, for a start), enough would have been left over to

make their visit worthwhile in terms of topographical interest. But New Orleans as a

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As London except 2.15 That's Gardening!
(473079) 2.45-3.10 Yan Can Cook
(3197334) 5.10-5.40 Home and Away
(9966789) 6.00 Coast (165925)
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Film: Gambit (94432215) 12.40-1.35
Married...with Children (3485384)

TYNE TEES

As London except: 1.45pm The Silk Road (249234) 2.45-3.10 Graham Kerr (3197334) 3.10-5.40 Home and Away (9965789) 6.00 Northern Life (963) 6.30-7.00 Aerobic Champonships (215) 10.40 Pitre: Carry on Dick (75076447) 12.35 Film: Thail by Combat (955646) 2.15 ChemAttractons (79884) 2.45 Lafter Hours (78155) 3.13 Night Best (957513) 4.15-3.90 Film: The Bay of St Michel (7419155)

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6.55am Weather 7.00 On Air: Piers Burton-Page with music, news, weather and travel

16.00 Morning Sequence: Haydn (Symphony No B2 in C, The Bear); Debussy (Petite Pièce; Première Rapsodie); Rossini (Petite Caprice, Style Offenbach); Poulenc (Litanies & In vienn origin); Debusine (Litanies &

Beethoven (Sonata in Fininor, Op 57, Appassionata)

2.00 Minning the Archive: A new series featuring BBC archive recordings of British festivals during the socies. From the 1964 Proms, the BBC Symphony Orchestra under Malcolm Sargent performs Mendelsohn (Overture, The Mehridox Finnal's Cape): Mehrdess, Fingal's Cave); Debussy (Prélude à l'après-midi d'un faune); Mozart (Clarinet Concerto in A. K.

Patterson (The Tides of Mananan for solo viola) Britten (Lachrymae) (r)
4.30 The Hills of Neoal; Carol

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#### RADIO 3

9.00 Corposer of the Week: Cherubini (Mass in A. Coronation: Philhimmonia Chorus and Orchestra under Riccardo Muri)

creare Caprice, Style
Offenbach); Poulerc (Litanies
la vierge noire); Debussy
(Mandoline); Henri Sauguet
(Sonatine en deux chants et
un interméde); Rossini
(Domine Deus, Petre Messe
solonneile); Stravinsity (Suite,
Pulcinella); Sauguet (Le chaft);
Poulers (Clarinet Sonata)
12.00 Elisabeth Söderström: The
soprano, with the panist
Martin Isepp, in a repeat of
yesterday's recital
1.00pm Henri
Manchester: The first of six
recitals live from the Concert
Hall of New Broadcasting
House. The pianist Andrew
Wilde plays Bach, transo
Busoni (Chacorme in D minor);
List (Petrarch Sonnet 104,
Années de Péletinage);
Beethoven (Sonata in Eminor Fata; Samson Dux Fortissime)

10.45 A Bus Named Dealine

CHOKE: Even if biographer
Ronald Hayman and his
producer Pers Plowinght had
excised all mention of
Temessee Williams from their
found protuce of New Orleans Années de Pélerinage); Beethoven (Sonata in F minor

Stephen Johnson explores the history of the BBC sound archives. 3.00 Tchaikovsky Symphony No 4 in F minor)
3.50 Philip Dukes, vola, Sophie
Rahman, piano, perform Hugh
Wood (Variations, Op 1); Paul

anterest. But New Orleans as a source of literary inspiration for Williams is really what engages Hayman and Plowright. Luckily, most of those they interview are much more forthcoming than the woman who says of Williams. "Nice man, very quiet."

11.30 Midnight Off: Sarah Walker bresents a new weekly presents a new weekly showcase for a wide range of contemporary music. In a tribute to the late John Cage, John Tilbury plays pieces for prepared piano and the Ensemble Bash reconstructs the Three Constructions 12.30am News 12.35 Close

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#### RADIO 4

(s) Stereo on FM
5.55am Shipping Forecast 6.00
News Briefing, and 6.03
Weather 6.10 Farming Today
6.25 Prayer for the Day 6.30
Today, ind 6.30, 7.00, 7.30,
8.00, 8.30 News 6.55, 7.55
Weather 7.45 Thought for the
Day 8.43 Just William:
William's Good-Bye Present,
by Richmal Crompton (s) (f)
1.51 Weather 9.00 Names
9.05 Desert Island Discs: Sue
Lawley's Castaway is the
childcare expert Penelope

childcare expert Penelope Leach (s) (r) Feedback, with Chris Du

10.00-10.30 News; Cold Print (FM only)

CHOICE: Christopher

with Arthur Mee's The Children's Newspaper — born 1919 in a burst of moral enthusiasm, died 1965 through the indifference of a pop generation. Perhaps Matthew is right to say that the newspaper was the journalistic equivalent of cod liver oil: not pleasant to taste but good for you. Keith Waterhouse's view of its anneal is too gift it was not appeal is too glib. It was not aimed just at swots and cocoa-drinkers. But its chuckle content was undeniably low. Editor Mee's idea of fun was to sing Baptist hymns in the hath

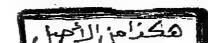
10.00 Daily Service (LW only)
10.15 The Pilgrian's Progress (LW only); John Bunyan's allegory, abridged by Peter Luke (15/25)
10.30 Woman's Hour: Suzanne Evans discovers how redundancy can breathe new life into some relationships. Incl 11.00 News 11.30 Natural History Programm

presented by Jesson Horn
12.00 You and Yours
12.25 pm The Gardening Quiz:
Stefan Butzacki quizzes team
captains Norman Painting and

kene Thomas and guests (s)
12.55 Weather
1.00 The World at One
1.40 The Archers (s) (r) 1.55
Shipping Forecast
2.00 News: Classic Serial: Père Gorlot. First of a four-part

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# Shares soar as pound tumbles against the mark

By COLIN NARBROUGH AND MICHAEL CLARK

THE complete reversal of Wednesday's aggressive rise in base rate, plus Britain's exit from the exchange-rate mechanism. sent share prices soaring, but pushed the

pound to an all-time low against the mark. The FTSE-100 index of leading shares, buoyed by the prospect of interest rate policy better suited to economic recovery, jumped 105.6 to close at 2,483.9. The surge, which added £21.7 billion to share values, was the biggest one-day rise since April 10, - the day after the general election

However, the early signal from the Bank of England, that another 2 percentage points were being cut to return base rate to Tuesday's 10 per cent, took away the last of the defences put up hold sterling in the ERM parity grid. The Bundesbank yester-day left its lending rates unchanged.

The return of base rate to 10 per cent less than a day after its rise to 15 per cent whetted the money market's appetite for further easing. Although a rumour circulated that a cut to 8 per cent was imminent, the key three-month interbank lending rate ended consistent with current base rate. But shorter dates were suggesting 8.5 per cent base rate around the time of the Conservative party conference next month.

The pound opened at DM2.6441, down more than 13 psennigs from its previous official London close following the wild gyrations of government policy and curren-

cy market sentiment on Wednesday. At last night's official close, sterling stood at a record low of DM2.6323, well below the previous worst of DM2.7125 of March 1990. Sterling retreated steeply overnight on Wednesday against the dollar 100, shedding more than 10.5 cents. But the dollar started to ease against the European currencies yesterday, allowing to pound to daw back more than 3.5 cents to finish at \$1.7750. The pound's trade-weighted index, which had tumbled 4.2 overnight to 86.3, also nudged ahead fractionally to

edged ahead to close at 86.4. Assurances from Norman Lamont, the Chancellor, that sterling's withdrawal from the ERM was only temporary, failed to persuade City economists that re-entry will

come soon. Paul Chertkow, head of global currency strategy at UBS-Phillips & Drew, said it would be folly to seek an early return to the system given that what Britain needed now was interest rates more appropriate to the poor state of the economy.

Looking ahead, currency analysis see further weakening against the mark. Mr Chertkow expects DM2.55 in three months' time, despite the 10 per cent fall in the value of sterling against its DM2.95 ERM central rate since Wednesday. Yesterday's lows took sterling close to DM2.60.

Talk of the pound rejoining the ERM, which matched similar pledges about Italy. appeared to undermine sentiment for the pound. The government's commitment to rejoin ERM "as soon as conditions will

ended to signify much, although some analysis believe re-entry could come solett after the French referendum as part of a general realignment of the ERM.

In the stock market, turnover soared to a massive 1.36 billion shares as marketmakers vied for stock in an attempt to build up their trading positions. Most of the business was centred on the hig exporters and other leading shares, but in such volatile conditions even the market-makerare finding it difficult to make money. A number of leading firms have found it an expensive business to shut down that: existing short positions.

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# Markets keep up attack on ERM parities

THE future of the European exchange-rate mechanism hung in the balance yes-terday as financial markets continued to savage ERM parities, pushing the franc. the Danish crown, the Irish punt and the peseta close to their trading floors within the system. Those currencies became the weakest after the exit of the pound and lira, and the devaluation of the peseta by 5 per cent early yesterday.

The continued turmoil in European currency markets came amid reports from Germany that the Bundesbank and other European central banks would not favour a hasty return of sterling or the lira back into the ERM, after their suspension by the

EC's monetar, committee.

It is widely believed in financial markets that the ERM is about to become a more narrowly based system of near-fixed exchange rates, linking a small number of hard currencies around the

The Bundesbank refrained esterday from making any further public pronouncein no mood to follow calls to bail out the ERM for the second time in a week. At its regular formightly council meeting yesterday morning, the Bundesbank left official

interest rates unchanged after Monday's much criticised decision to cut the lombard rate by a quarter point to 9.5 per cent. Earlier, there had been some expectation of a German rate cut, but a further German

cat is now thought unlikely. The cautious attitude Germany and other ERM countries to the return of the two suspended currencies contrasted with the aspirations of the Italian government, which hoped to have the lira readmitted to the ERM by Tuesday next week. The British government said only that sterling would return "as soon as conditions allow". The consensus among

bankers and economists in Frankfurt is that sterling will not be allowed to return until the currency markets stabilise and the British economy starts to show definite signs of recovery. In the case of Italy, a speedy return of the lira is thought to be even less likely and would probably depend on the adoption by Italy of a tough economic austerity programme.

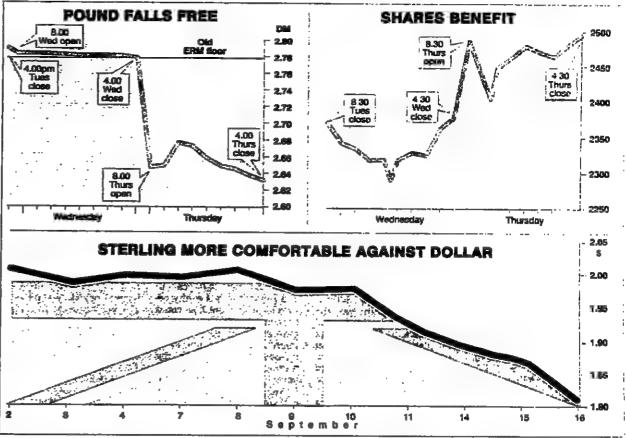
The continued attack on the ERM by the financial markets ments about sterling or ERM came despite pledges, some parities, but it appeared that the German central bank was still alive and kicking. Theo Waigel, the German finance minister, said that "the EMS remains a central element of co-operation in currency policy and of further integration in Europe", while Michel

Camdessus, managing director of the International Monetary Fund, said in Washington that the ERM

showed remarkable resilience. Financial markets, however, were unimpressed by such pronouncements. The main target of yesterday's market which fell against the mark from Fr3.388 on Wednesday to about Fr3.42, near its ERM trading floor. The weakness of the franc is entirely attributed to uncertainty over the French referendum on the Maastricht treaty on Sunday. Markets still cautiously discount the likelihood of a Yes vote, in which case the franc would appreciate. A Yes vote would be seen as a sign that the franc would join the mark and the Benefux currencies as the core

of a first-tier ERM. A No vote would be seen as exacerbating ERM strains. resulting in a flight into the currencies of the German economic block, including Austria, whose shilling is not an ERM member. Yesterday, the Danish crown was fixed at its floor of DM25.63 against 100 crowns. The Irish punt

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## Industry looks for further rate cut

BRITISH industrial leaders have lost confidence in the government's handling of the economy after its about-turn over the exchange-rate mechanism and have called for further base rate cuts to follow yesterday's return to 10 per

Neil Johnson, general secretary of the Engineering Employers Federation, said the government's decision to tie Britain into the ERM, sit back and wait for inflation to fall was "always a flawed strategy". Britain has been through "two years of angst and wasted time which should have been

put to better use". The Institute of Directors said the two-point cut in interest rates was not enough and called for another twopoint cut before the pound rejoins the ERM. Janice Buck, its chief economist, said: "We do not need the continued pressing down of 10 per cent interest rates." Mr Johnson mirrored the IoD call. He welcomed the effective devaluation of the pound but urged

the government to cut base rates further.



## Big day after the night before

FOREIGN exchange dealers to buy back in at lower rates, survived on adrenalin, coffee hoping to cash in on any and sandwiches as currency markets entered a second day of frenzied trading. Wednesday was bad; Thursday, if anything, was worse. For all its drama, Wednes-

day saw trading volume rather than swings, as the Bank of England poured an estimated £10 billion of reserves into the money markets in a vain attempt to hold the pound against the mark. Dealers, on the line to pension funds, market-makers and private clients with a taste for playing the currency markets. switched huge amounts of cash from sterling into marks and dollars.

and dollars.

As the telephones began ringing yesterday morning, it emerged that investors who had switched out of pounds before Britain suspended its ERM membership were eager

hoping to cash in on any upward swings. Spreads on currencies were wider and the range of quotations swung wildly, keeping dealers on their toes.

"It was heetic," said Rob Loewy, foreign exchange manager at Midland Bank, where some dealers had remained at their screens into the early hours of yesterday morning to follow develop-ments in Brussels. "We saw a lot of selling of other European currencies as investors switched into marks. People are expecting Germany to do the decent thing and lower their rates."

Andy Horn, a senior dealer at Barclays Global Foreign Exchange, said: "It was a frantic day. The prices being quoted were very wide. People who were short of sterling

Tales of fortunes lost and

consecutive days.

Weary dealers were due in for another early start today with the prospect of a hectic weekend ahead. After a brief respite tomorrow, many will trek back to their desks on French referendum on Maastricht through the night.

the Building Employers Confederation, said: "The government has freed itself from the straitjacket of the ERM. The Chancellor should progressively reduce interest rates still

Howard Davies, director general of the CBI, said the interest rate reduction is welcome. Dut. "It takes us back only to the position on Tues-day, which itself was unsatisfactory for business. There remains a need for concerned action at European level to reduce interest rates further to stimulate recovery and stabi-

lise the system. It is clear too

that the process of decisionmaking within the ERM needs to be improved and that mutual confidence needs to be rebuilt before the system can operate effectively.

Ted Evans, national president of the Federation of Master Builders, said: "The life blood of my industry is all over the floor. We need a reduction in interest rates to give some momentum to the

Sir David Lees, chairman of GKN, said confidence in the government has taken a knock after four interest rate moves in 24 hours. The government still needed to keep inflation down, stimulate the economy and exchange rates.

Donald Anderson. economist at Courtaulds, said much of the company's sales were to dollar economies, "so the weak dollar has been difficult and translation of

prohis has been suffering. Sir David Alliance, chair man of Coats Viyella, welcomed the weaker pound the British textiles industry more competitive and would be a benefit to Coats in its translation of overseus profits.

#### THE POUND

US dollar 1.7750 (-0.0717) German mark 2.6323 (-0.0461) Exchange index 86.4 (-4.1)

Bank of England official close (4pm)

#### STOCK MARKET

FT 30 share 1815.2 (+98.8) FT-SE 100 2483.9 (+105.6) **New York Dow Jones** 3323.27 (+4.06)\* Tokyo Nikkei Avge 18116.52 (+171.82)

#### INTEREST RATES

London: Bank Base. 10% 3-month Interbank: 10-97% 3-month eligible bills: 9%-912% US: Prime Rute: 5%

#### CURRENCIES

#### GOLD

London Fixing: AM \$350.75 PM \$348.40 Close \$348.10-348.60 £195.60-196.10 New York: Comex \$ 348.65-349.15\*

#### NORTH SEA OIL

Brent (Oct) ... \$20.45/bbl (\$20.60)

#### RETAIL PRICES

Denotes midday trading once

BY JON ASHIWORTH

have taken profits. A wide

spread means prices tend to move a lot further, a lot

made swept dealing tooms.
One securities house was abuzz with talk that a dealer who was not at work had lost £500,000. It transpired that he had flown off on holiday the previous night.

Events did not amuse the 21 or so UK banks which are obliged to advertise changes in base rates in three national newspapers. They have had to run advertisements on two

Sunday evening ready to monitor reaction to the

Alliance: profit boost

## Jobless total climbs to five-year peak

was compounded by disappointing statis-tics on earnings growth and output.

According to employment department figures, the underlying rise in the average

earnings index in the year to July was 6

per cent. The statisticians have revised the

By Ross TIEMAN AND COLIN NARBROUGH.

THE number of jobless people claiming benefits rose by 71,541 last month, taking the total to a five-year peak of 2,845,508. After seasonal adjustments, the rise, at 47,000, was the biggest this year and nearly twice as high as

economists expected. Employment department officials were at a loss to explain the acceleration in the rate of job losses. The rise in the number of claimants had been slowing, albeit erratically, in the first half of the year.

Gillian Shephard, the employment secretary, was at an emergency cabinet meeting. But Michael Forsyth, the employment minister, said: "The UK economy is going through a difficult period, as is the world economy, and this is reflected in today's figures." The 28th consecutive monthly rise in unemployment takes the jobless rate for the United Kingdom to 9.9 per cent after

June figure up to 64 per cent. The yearon-year rise in productivity is estimated to have fallen to 3.8 per cent in July from 4.4 per cent in June. Output in manufacturing industry was unchanged in July, according to government data, confirming a disturbing flatness of production after indications of an upturn in manufacturing earlier this year. The government had found comfort in

signs that output was rising gradually.

suggesting that manufacturers, not the

debt-burdened consumer, would lead the

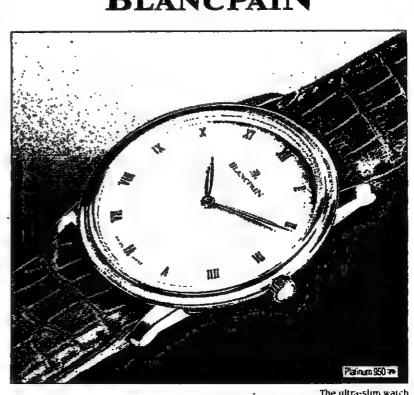
economy out of its two-year recession. Overall industrial output, including volatile oil and production data, showed a provisional, seasonally adjusted 1 per cent rise in July, boosted by a surge in energy output, after no change in June. Government statisticians estimate the trend for seasonal adjustments, against 9.8 per ment statisticians estimate the trend for cent in June. The unemployment setback

indicating a small decline in June. Manufacturing output, seen as a safer guide to economic activity, was unchanged in July after a 0.2 per cent fall in June. But calculations by the Central Statistical Office suggest an underlying upward trend of 1 per cent a year. The latest three months, however, were flat compared with the previous quarter. That bears out evidence from the latest Confederation of British Industry survey, which reported worsening orders and output.

The gloom is compounded by regional analysis of the jobless figures. Earlier tentative signs of shrinking dole queues in some manufacturing regions, including the East Midlands, have disappeared. Unemployment rose in every region last month, with the biggest rises in London and the South East, the South West, the West Midlands, East Anglia, the North and Northern Ireland.

The jobless total for the South East is 868,600, with half of that number in London, where the rate is now 10.8 per cent, a level exceeded only in Northern

# BLANCPAIN



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#### **RMC** falls for second year on UK recession

By Jon Ashworth

THE sorry state of Britain's housing market has left RMC, the world's largest concrete maker, with half-time profits down for the second year

running.
A collapse in British operating revenue was again largely to blame for the fall in pre-tax profits to £62.1 million in the six months to end-June. Firsthalf profits crashed 36 per cent to £69.9 million last year. British operating profits tum-bled from £51 million to £19.2 million last year, and fell to ES.8 million in the first half of

The British recession has hit RMC on two fronts. Lower demand for new homes means less ready-mixed concrete for foundations. In addition, Great Mills, its DIY chain. has been caught in a price war with Texas, B&Q and Do It

The continuing stump in British fortunes occurred de-spite efforts to reduce costs. Staff numbers have fallen from 14,500 to 11,500 since 1989, and RMC's fleet of concrete trucks has been cut from 1,250 to 950. But volume is down and margins remain weak Production volume levels are expected to fall 8 per cent this year, on top of an 18 per cent drop in 1991, and operating margins are 2 per cent lower.

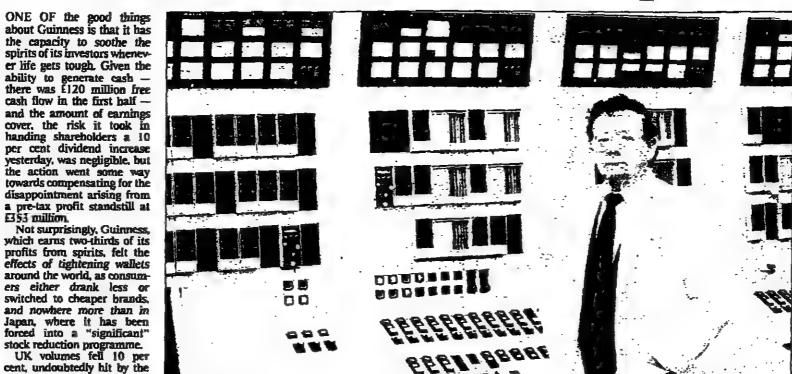
Jim Owen, managing director, said the British building services market was contracting and prices should reflect this. He gave a warning that UK margins are unlikely to improve in the second half, and the decline in production

levels will probably worsen.
The bright spot is the German division, which lifted operating profits from £32.1 million to £40.5 million in the first half. In 1985, it was barely breaking even.

Group turnover increased to £1.4 billion (£1.28 billion), but earnings per share slipped to 12.1p (15.5p). The interim dividend is held at 6.6p.

**TEMPUS** 

## Guinness dividend soothes spirits



Right formula: Ken Minton, chief executive of Laporte, has the mix to cope with the present environment

tax, against £956 million last time. Full-year earnings of about 35p would suggest a 14.7 multiple at 514p, a premium to the sector, but one that Guinness merits.

#### Legal & General

government's counter-pro-

ductive duty increase - the revenue take is expected to fall for the second year run-ning—and Australia is suffer-

ing, but efficiencies achieved

from integrating the Glen-

more business, acquired in

August last year, helped pro-

duce a recovery in America.

The end result was a 7 per

cent rise in distilling profits.

Margins have improved significantly in brewing

where a 4 per cent growth in

turnover - volume was up worldwide — translated into a

16 per cent profit increase. At

home, the group cannot turn out canned beers fast enough.

The villain of the piece at

the interim stage was the

interest charge, up a third at

£98 million, as Guinness met

the cost of its acquisition

programme. The impact will

ease in the second half when

the bulk of the newcomers'

The board was confident

enough to back its dividend

rise with a promise of an

"acceptable" profits increase.

which was being interpreted as approaching £1 billion pre-

profits arise.

THE Legal & General direc-tors, meeting on Wednesday to set the level of the insurer's interim dividend, were faced with a tricky dilemma. The results for the half year to end-June show a healthy return to profits, but how could the company dare increase its payout when 15 per cent interest rates were due to be introduced the following morning. A cold shiver must have passed through even David Prosser, Legal & General's easy-going chief executive, on the prospect, as the group has 15 per cent of the domestic mortage guarantee

market. In the event, Legal &

General chose the safe and

prodent course and pegged the dividend at 6.2p. A day later, and the decision may have been very different.

The first-half pre-tax profit of £74 million, against a £56.1 million loss for the previous first six months, was helped by a £3 1.5 million exceptional hand management profit resulting from the transfer of the UK investment businesses to their main customer, the life fund. But the underlying improvement looked healthy enough, with a sharp reduction in general insurance losses from £115.9 million to £33 million being the salient icature.

The shares appear cheap as they trade at a 20 per cent discount to net assets of £4. They yield 8 per cent. com-pared with the Pru's 6.5 per

The market is rightly con-cerned about Legal & General's perceived weaknesses compared with the Pru, its 9 per cent share of the mort-gage guarantee market and less developed distribution network. But with the new top alities, were unchanged at £5.8 million. management rolling up its sleeves and tackling the prob-

Earnings slipped from 20.1p to 18.8p, but the fall was broken by the cancellation of a 16.3 per cent stake held by Solvay and by a lower tax charge. The half-year divi-dend rises from 6.8p to 7p and the shares rose 32p to 486p. The balance sheet re-A CONFIDENT looking La-porte, whose chief executive is Ken Minton, appears to have found the right formula to mains strong with debts standing at 30 per cent of shareholders' funds.

The market expects a 20p cope with the difficult environment for chemical companies. The speciality chemicals group saw half-year predividend for the year, up from 18.9p, putting the shares on a yield of 5.5 per cent. Profits forecasts of £90 million before tax (against £97.2 million last year) give unchanged earnings of 40p and put the shares on a multiple of 12.1.

Although Laporte shares recovered relative to the market by 3 per cent yesterday, they had fallen by a relative 20 per cent in the preceding three months, giving investors who hold on to the shares something to look forward to in the coming months.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

#### UniChem lifts payout after profits surge

UNICHEM, the pharmaceutical distributor and retail UNICHEM, the pharmaceutical distributor and retail chemist, reports a 55 per cent surge in profits and is lifting its interim dividend from 1.65p to 1.9p. Pre-tax profits for the first six months of 1992 were £15.01 million against £9.68 million the year before, on a turnover of just over £500 million, against £452 million. However, the group has decided to pull out of nappy manufacturing, where it has been up against intense competition, and is taking a £2.45 million provision on its disposal as an extraordinary item.

Earnings per share are up from 6.5p to 7.6p. Jeff Harris, newly installed as chief executive, says the group has increased its share of the wholesale trade in a market that has shown satisfactory growth in prescription pharmaceuticals but weak over-the-counter trading. He attributes the strong performance to innovative marketing schemes, an increased own-label range and attention to customer service. Operating margins in both the wholesale and the retail divisions improved. UniChem is expanding its retail business rapidly. From 132 outlets last December, the number has grown to 196, principally through the acquisition of 31 Scott Chemists

#### Spurs back in black

TOTTENHAM Hotspur, the quoted football club, reported its first full-year profits since 1989 and promised a return to the dividend list. There was a £1.1 million increase in sales and a reduction in costs and interest payments, leaving pre-tax profits at £2.7 million for the year to May 31. In the previous year, the company made a loss of £1.8 million. Alan Sugar, chairman, said a special interim dividend would be paid once distributable profits had been determined.

#### Gabicci earnings slide

A GOLDEN handshake for a founding director added to the woes of Gabicci, a USM-quoted clothing group, which saw pre-tax profits slide to E524,000 (E1.43 million) in the year to June 19. Turnover declined to £19.99 million (£24.5 million). A final dividend of 0.6p (2.85p) makes a total of 2p (4.25p). Profits were affected by an exceptional charge of £250,000, including a payment of £180,000 to Alex Pyser, who founded the business with Jack Sofier, chairman; in 1973.

#### Bid costs hit Dowding

DOWDING & Mills, an electrical and mechanical repair group, increased its dividend despite the heavy toll of a failed bid for Torday & Carlisle, a niche engineer. A final dividend of 1.58p (1.52p) makes 2.5p (2.4p) for the year to June 30. Sales of £74.7 million (£79.6 million), down for the second year running, left pre-tax profits 22.5 per cent lower at £6.5 million (£8.4 million). The figure excludes a £633.000 extraordinary charge to cover the cost of the failed bid.

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#### Polypipe bucks trend

POLYPIPE, which makes pipes and fittings, bucked the recession in building to increase pre-tax profits from £13.9 million to £15.4 million in the year to June 30. The company is confident profits growth can be maintained. The final dividend is increased from 1.275p to 1.34p, making a total of 1.97p, up from 1.875p. Sales rose by a third to £108.3 million. There is no gearing, despite an increase in capital spending from £8 million to £12.6 million.

#### Wassall at the double

WASSALL, a mini-conglomerate run by former Hanson executives, said its trading prospects did not reflect the gloomy economic picture in Europe and America and continued progress was expected this year. The company doubled pre-tax profits from £3.12 million to £6.2 million in the half-year to June 30. Earnings per share rose from 3.13p to 3.46p and the interim dividend is increased from 0.67p to 0.8p. The shares rose 9p to 167p.

#### Premier lifts output

HIGHER oil production more than offset lower prices and brought a sharp rise in net income at Premier Consolidated Oilfields, from £4.9 million to £7.3 million in the six months to June 30. Earnings were 1.4p a share, up from 0.9p. Production averaged 14,412 barrels a day, up 38 per cent. Production at the Wytch Farm onshore field continues at high levels, averaging 75,000 barrels a day in July and

#### Davis holds payout

DAVIS Service Group, a business services company, is holding the interim dividend at 2.73p a share. It said trading and balance sheet strengths would help it weather the adverse economic climate and produce a satisfactory result for the year. In the half year to end-June, pre-tax profits rose to £8.03 million (£7.06 million), helped by interest charges down from £5.8 million to £2.53 million on disposals. Debt fell to £8.3 million (£77.8 million). Earnings were 6.39p (5.61p) a share.

#### Olefins fusion planned

ROYAL Dutch/Shell, the Anglo-Dutch oil and chemicals group, and Italy's Montecatini are looking at merging their worldwide polyolefins operations. The two companies currently have worldwide combined capacities of 3 million metric tonnes of polypropylene and 500,000 mones of coherhylene as weer April 1918 and other appropriate polyethylene a year. Anti-trust and other appropriate authorities are being informally briefed about the plans and formal notification will follow.

#### John Lewis declines

JOHN Lewis Partnership made pre-tax profits of £20.2 million, down £3.6 million, in the half year to July 25. A third of the decrease was accounted for by higher interest costs, and the trading profit fall was held at 5 per cent, to £38.0 million. Waitrose, the food retailing arm, managed a sales increase of 4 per cent, helped by store openings, but there was no increase from the department stores, a result Peter Lewis, the chairman, believed was unprecedented.

Department stores and Waitrose supermarkets

JOHN LEWIS PARTNERSHIP plc

#### Consolidated unaudited results for the half year ended 25 July 1992

	1992 £m	1991 £m	% change
Sales (including VAT)	1,094.8	1,073.4	2
Trading Profit	38.0	40.1	- 5
Interest Pensions fund contribution	12.1 5.7	10.8 5.5	· 12
Surplus available for preference dividends, profit sharing and, subject to taxation, for retentions	20.2	23.8	-15

#### Sales and Profit

Sales were level in the department store division and increased by £20 million (4%) in Waitrose supermarkets. Costs were tightly controlled but still increased at a faster rate than sales, leading to a 5% fall in trading profit.

#### Profit sharing

Allocation between retentions and profit sharing is determined when the results for the year are known.

The second half year is more important than the first. Preference dividends for the half year were £103,000 (£109,000).

For further details of the results and/or the John Lewis Partnership please telephone 071-828 1000 ext 6222 or write to the Chief Information Officer, 171 Victoria Street, London SW1E 5NN.

#### COMPANY NEWS IN BRIEF

Pre-tax: £1.88m (£3.02m) EPS: 1.05p (1.80p) Div: 0.525p (0.5p)

lems and the company set to

make up to £110 million pre-

tax profits in the current year,

those fears may be overdone.

tax profits fall from £50.3 mil-

lion to £44.5 million. Much of

the decline was in the Interox

businesses that were unwound from the group this May, when the tie-up with

Profits from the main La-

porte businesses rose from

£33.9 million to £34.9 million.

and the operating profits of the Interox businesses re-

tained, namely Peroxy Speci-

Solvay was undone.

Laporte

BEMRUSE CORP (Int) Pre-tax: £1.85m (£1.61m) EPS: 7.14p (6.49p) Div: 4.30p (4.30p) BENTALLS (Int) Pre-tax: £1.05m Loss LPS: 1.63p (EPS: 0.32p)

Div: 0.80p (0.60p) CANNING (W) (Int) Pre-tax: £3.02m (£3.06m)

EPS: 5.90p (6.20p) Div: 2.94p (2.94p). EADIE HOLDINGS (Int) EPS: 0.19p (LPS: 0.95p) Div: Nii (nii)

EBC GROUP (Int) Pre-tax: £535,000 EPS: 3.31p (6.74p) Div: 1.75p (3.50p) FOLKES GROUP (Int) Pre-tax: £650,000 EPS: 1.25p (1.57p) Div: 0.575p (0.575p)

E GREEN & PTNRS (Fin) EPS: 4.3p (18.1p) Div: 4.25p, mkg 7p (7p) **MAGNOLIA GROUP (Int)** 

Pre-tax: £52,000 EPS: 0.61p (3.05p) Div: Nil (1.75p) OLIVER GROUP (Int) Pre-tax: £4.87m Loss LPS: 19.28p (18.08p) Div: Nil (0.91p)

SPANDEX (Int) Pre-tax: £2.24m (£2.16m) EPS: 11.2p (11.9p) Div: 1.90p (1.90p) MAYBORN GROUP (Int) Pre-tax: £1,66m (£1,29m) EPS: 5,80p (4,40p) Div: 1.60p (1.40p)

MITL INSTRUMENTS (Int)

Pre-tac: £2.2m (£2.35m) EPS: 8.0p (8.5p) Div: 1.6p (1.5p) SANDERSON M & SLOER Pre-text 2833,000 EPS: 2.87p (4.80p)

Div: 0.60p (0.60p) USHER (FRANK) HLDGS Pre-tax: £1.07m EPS: 10.2p (7.2p) Div: 3p, mkg 5p (4p)

Turnover, boosted by acquisition, up to £37.2m (£34.1m). No sign of upturn, but an enhanced second

Turnover rose to £22.7m (£21.5m). Group expects further progress in second half, but higher sales not achievable at acceptable margins. There was a profit of £207,000 last time. Group has decided to sell its Bentalls Charge Card business, reducing borrowings by £6m.

Sales dipped to £59.1m (£61.7m). There is uncertainty in many of group's markets, but corrective action should enable growth.

There was a loss of £354,000 last time. Balance sheet strengthened as a result of the rights issue. Improved second half is expected

Last time's profit was £1,34m. Turnover fell to £25,3m (£28,1m). Order books are satisfactory, but tender margins are deteriorating. Last time's profit was £850,000. Turnover fell to £20,3m (£23,4m). Company does not envisage any improvement in demand this year.

Last time's profit was £2.15m. Turnover fell to £7.74m (£11.7m). Exceptional debit: £304,000. Extraordinary credit: £133,000.

Last time's profit was £273,000. Turnover fell to £9.47m (£11m). Group saw severe downturn in second quarter sales and profits.

Last time's loss was £5.2m. Turnover rose to £37.5m (£36.8m). Any trading improvement will be diluted by one-off closure costs. Turnover rose to £28.3m (£26.8m).

Signmaking material sales up markedly. Signmaking computer sales constrained by recession. Tumover rose to £17.1m (£15.2m). Group said first half performance has been satisfactory. Operating

There was an extraordinary credit of 2630,000. Turnover stood at £9.29m (£9.19m). Group's cash balance in excess of £6m. Interim results. There was a profit

profit rose to £1.86m (£1.62m).

of £765,000 last time. Turnover rose to £51.1m (£27.5m). Group had good August in terms of profit. Final results. There was a profit of £775,000 last time. Turnover edged to £15.6m (£15.2m). Profits expected to continue improving.

# Minorco advances regardless of change

BY MICHAEL TATE, CTTY EDITOR

MINORCO is not allowing the transformation process, under which it is converting from an investment company into a natural resources operating group, to interfere with its financial performance. Ju-lian Ogilvie Thompson, the chairman, reported profits 6 per cent higher at \$206 million in the year to June. The dividend rises 6 per

cent to 54 cents, the seventh consecutive annual increase, thanks to a final payment of

Turnover more than doubled, largely because Terra

Industries and Hudson Bay Grauwacker, a quarry busi-Mining and Smelting were consolidated for a full year this time. In the previous year, they were equity-accounted for all

but the final quarter. Operational cash flow totalled \$319 million, against \$176 million previously, although capital expenditure increased from \$108 million to \$154 million, reflecting the new priorities. A further \$308 million went on acquisitions and investments.

Minorco bought Buxton Lime Industries and Nash Rocks in the UK and Lausitzer

ness, in eastern Germany. Cash and near-cash still totalted \$1.78 billion at June 30. against \$1.89 billion the year

Shareholders' amounted to \$2.87 billion, of which about 52 per cent was represented by liquid assets. with the two main investments. Charter and Engelhard, claiming a market value \$520 -million greater than their carrying value.

Group debt at the year end totalled \$523 million, an increase of \$95 million.



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# Elsevier and Reed join to create publishing giant

By Graham Searjeant, Financial Editor

A GIANT in the international publishing industry should be born at the beginning of next year as a result of an agreement to merge the operations of Reed International and Elsevier of The Netherlands.

The combined group had a market value of £5.2 billion before the agreement was announced. It would earn combined pre-tax profits of £424 million this year according to the two companies

The deal aims to create an Anglo-Dutch group similar in structure to Unilever or Royal Dutch/Shell. The two parent groups will retain their existing identities as quoted companies but run their businesses as a single combined operation. They would also equalise their dividends up to the level paid by Reed. The board of Reed Elsevier will be drawn equally from the two companies, which will also have cross-directorships.

Peter Davis, chairman of Reed, the business publishing, magazine and Octopus book group, will become chief executive of Reed Elsevier. He said the merger was driven by long-term strategy rather than

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immediate synergies, though some costs could be cut, adding: "By putting the two businesses together we can create a strong springboard to develop new products and also to buy other businesses. The combination also gives a bet-

ter defensive spread of

Pierre Vinken, chairman of Elsevier, the scientific publishing group with two Dutch national newspapers, will also chair Reed Elsevier until he retires in 1995. He said the combined group would have an appetite for acquisitions on a scale neither could contemplate before. There is a class of large publishers in the world which in principle could be taken over."

Elsevier, which bought Pergamon Press from Maxwell Communication for £440 million last year, has long wanted to link with an English language publisher to expand It had talks with Reed five years ago and later took cross-shareholdings with Pearson, unwound last year.

Expansion in electronic publishing is a priority for the combined group, along with expansion in other European

markets and international English-language publishing. Both are strong in American business publishing. Terms of the deal, which had been settled earlier in the

week have been upset by sterling's devaluation and will have to be redrawn during the next month. Under the original agreement, each would take a half stake in Reed Elsevier, but Reed would also be issued an 11.5 per cent stake in Elsevier to give it an interest of 56 per cent.

This retained equality of control, while reflecting Reed's greater size. Reed is changing its year end and has forecast a 25 per cent rise in pre-tax profits to £239 million for the pre-tax and Description. for the year to end-December and a dividend increase. Reed's eventual stake in

Elsevier will be lower after the fall in sterling against the guilder, currently about 9 per cent from the assumed rate But Mr Davis said the deal might have to be rethought if the stake disappeared altogether. Sterling devaluation will also change the proposed basis for dividend equal-isation, which was to equate 6.86 Reed shares with one of

City analysts welcomed the merger and thought the initial terms favourable to Reed. Derek Terrington, of Kleinwort Benson, said: "I like this deal Thought the Company of t deal. The strategic alliance should enhance potential for earnings growth."
On the stock market, Reed

shares initially jumped almost 80p to 565p but later settled at 530p, up 7 per cent against a market rise of 4.6 per cent. By contrast, Elsevier fell by nearly 9 per cent, partly because the deal would frustrate takeover hopes. Elsevier is effectively controlled by its supervisory board through a trust with high-voting shares but this will be dissolved to avoid any concentration of shareholdings or votes.



Bringing heads together: Pierre Vinken (left), of Elsevier, and Peter Davis, of Reed, will lead the new group

#### calls for rate cut

By OUR INSURANCE CORRESPONDENT

Mr Rough said there was no benefit to rejoining the ERM under the current system of one man, 99 per cent of the votes' when that man resides in Germany". He rejected the view that a lower exchange rate would fuel inflation but said fear of inflation could benefit index-linked and equi-

L&G reported no improve-ment in consumer confidence

# L&G chief

DAVID ROUGH, head of inrestment management at Legal & General, the insurance group, yesterday urged the government to abandon the exchange-rate mechanism and cut interest rates to 8 per

investments.

in the economy and no streng-thening of the housing market in the first half of the year. However, a sharp reduction in general insurance losses and a £31.5 million exceptional prof-it on the transfer of the British investment businesses to the British life fund turned last vear's £56.1 million first-half loss into a £74 million interim pre-tax profit. The interim dividend is held at 6.2p.

The British general insurance operations, excluding domestic mortgage indemnity (DMI) business, produced an insurance profit of £2 million after a £23.2 million loss for the same period last year.

First-half DMI losses fell from £88.9 million to £26.4 million, reflecting heavy provisioning last year. L&G, which takes a two-year view on likely losses from DM1, made a further £35 million of provisions, taking the total to £185 million. Profits from the life and pensions operations rose from £59.7 million to £75.4 million.

succession. Auction sales

were £290 million, marginally up on the same period last

## Halifax builds up profits

By LINDSAY COOK, MONEY EDITOR In 1990. Mortgage assets

THE Halifax Building Society, the largest mortgage lender, reported pre-tax profits up four per cent at £318 million (£307 million) for the first half

There was a further addition to bad debt provisions of £135 million. Of these, £121 million was for residential mortgages. The societydoes not disclose the number of properties taken into possession, but says this fell 40 per cent in the first six months of the year compared with the previous six months. This is the result of its efforts after

cent last year and 16 per cent

initiatives by the government. The society improved its share of the mortgage market with an estimated 19 per cent of total UK net mortgage lending compared with 14 per

state of the housing market." He, however, welcomed the reinstatement of the 10 per now exceed \$50 billion and are well ahead of any other lenders. Abbey National has cent hank base rate. total mortgage assets of £39 Total assets rose by 4 per

cent to £61 billion. Net receipts Jon Foulds, the chairman of were halved at £1.2 billion the Halifax, said: "These are (£2.4 billion). This was due to good figures in a bad market. They confirm the underlying strong competition from National Savings and savers makfinancial strength of the Haliing withdrawals to pay off other borrowings. Net lending was up from £1.4 billion to £2.2 billion and gross lending was up £600 million at £4.5 fax and are a tribute to the ability of management at all levels to operate successfully in adverse market conditions. "Our earlier decisions to

make realistic provisions for Abbey National, the second largest mortgage lender, re-ported profits down £38 milbad debts and concentrate on cost control and quality lending have been vindicated." ion at £270 million for the It is unrealistic to look for first half of the year. At the end an improved second half-year. of last year it was rivalling the and after yesterday's events we Halifax for mortgage market remain even more concerned share, but now the Halifax has about the continued depressed pulled well ahead.

dividend BY OUR CITY EDITION

Guinness

pushes up

interim

GUINNESS, the distilling and brewing group, could only inch pre-tax profits ahead from £350 million to £353 million in the first half of 1992, as consumer spending tightened around the world Even so, shareholders will collect a near-10 per cent increase in their interim dividend, from 3.05p to 3.35p a

Tony Greener, the group chief executive, said: "It should not be taken as indicaring any great improvement at the second half, or even next year, but as a sign of our confidence in the longer term future of the group."

Sir Anthony Tennant, the chairman, said that while growth would not match that of the recent past, he expected an acceptable increase in operating profits this year Meanwhile earnings of 12 op a share at halfway offer the group ample from for manocuvre in its dividend policy

Healthy operating profit increases both in spirits, which account for two thirds of profits, and in brewing were riped our by a higher interest change, swollen by the cost of the group's recent heavy ac-

quisition programme. In the UK, volume sales of spirits were down by he per cent and Sir Anthony but our again at the governments taxation policy tollowing the latest duty increase. Current excise duties appear to have passed the point of diminishing returns," he said, with the government now almost certain to collect less revenue from spirits for the second year. in succession.

The group's effective 24.3 per cent stake in LVMH, the champagne to luxury goods group, yielded £40 million. against £44 million last time.

Group net horrowings total-led £1.73 billion, or 46 per cent of shareholders' funds. against 42 per cent a year ago and 50 per cent at the end of December. Cash generation is strong, with a free cash flow of £120 million in the first half.

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#### interim dividend

PRE-TAX profits at APV, which makes food processing equipment, fell 17.2 per cent to £12 million in the six months to June 30, despite turnover ahead 8.5 per cent to £437 million. APV said orders. at about £350 million, were roughly in lipe with the level of

a year ago.

A maintained interim dividend of 2p is recommended; from earnings of 2.8p (3.3p) a share. The shares eased 3p to 79p. Sir Peter Cazalet, chair-man, said there was "no clear evidence of improvement in the economic environment".

#### US trade gap

America's trade gap widened to \$7.82 billion in July from \$6.73 billion in June, despite the weakness of the dollar. The deficit was the biggest for 20 months. Exports fell for the fourth time in five months, a drop in commercial aircraft sales being a key factor.

#### Logica soars

Logica, the computer software house, achieved a 92 per cent surge in paxable profits, from £3.63 million to £7.06 million. in the year to June 30. Turnover was £200.4 million (£197.8 million).A final dividend of 2.5p (2.35p) is recommended, giving a total of 3.65p (3.5p).

#### Goal advances

Net income of Goal Petro-leum, an independent oil exploration and production company, was up from £2.14 million to £2.35 million in the six months to June 30. Operating profits fell from £5.35 million to £4.78 million on turnover down from £21.4 million to £20.9 million.

#### Receiver to sell

Halls Homes and Gardens, a Kent-based supplier of conser-vatories, greenhouses and garden products, has gone into receivership. It employs 175 at two sites. Tony Houghton, the joint administrative receiver, said the aim was to sell the business as a going

#### Payout raised

Campari International, a leisurewear group, has increased its interim payout from 3p to 3.25p, despite a decline in pre-tax profits from £1.53 million to £1.03 million in the six months to June 30.

#### APV pegs Cost-cutting boosts Thames to £15m

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STAFF cuts and higher advertising revenues have left Thames Television comfortably placed in its last months as holder of the London weekday television franchise.

Operating costs fell £8.5 million to £45 million as the company cut staff from 1,355 to 788 in preparation for life as a producer and distributor. The cuts helped Thames to a pre-tax profit of £15.2 million (£4.1 million loss) in the six months to end-June.

against MCA, its American distributor, alleging, inter alia, breach of contract, copyright infringement and negligence.

# BY JON ASHWORTH

Earnings per share were 17.5p (8.6p) and the interim dividend is held at 2.5p. Advertising volumes increased to E122 million (E113 million). The only disappointing per-former was Reeves, the Ameri-

THE dark cloud hanging over Lloyd's of London will bring

some cheer to Christies Inter-

national, the embattled auc-

tion group, in the second half

The £1 million sale this month of the contents of a

Shropshire country house owned by a suffering Lloyd's

arm, which made an operating loss of £3,3 million on turnover of £11 million. Reeves has filed a complaint

Thames, whose chairman is Lord Brabourne, lost its licence to Carlton Television in last year's competitive tenders. UK Gold, the Astra satellite programme service Thames ointly founded with BBC Enterprises, is on course for launch later in the year. Tharnes has already sold a package of programmes to be shown on ITV next year for

Christie's lowers payout as

profits slide at half time

By Jonathan Prynn

Christie's autumn season.

Others include the sale of

King James II's wedding suit.

a collection of gas cooking stoves, and impressionist and

# IMINORC

Preliminary announcement of results for the year to June 30, 1992

"Minorco increased its earnings and dividend despite difficult business conditions while continuing its transformation, through acquisitions and restructuring, into a natural resources operating group."

E arnings before extraordinary items up 6% to US\$206 million (1991: US\$193 million).

ividend up 6% to 54 US cents per share, the seventh consecutive

perations and treasury generated cash of US\$319 million of which US\$154 million reinvested in the business. Acquisitions and investments absorbed US\$308 million.

G ood operating performances from subsidiaries with record production of gold at Independence and copper at Hudson Bay.

German quarry and two operations ith the acquisition of an additional in the UK, Minorco has established the core of a European industrial minerals division.

G ross cash resources currently stand at US\$1.8 billion.

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US\$ millions:		
Sales	1,667	771
Earnings before taxation	253	244
Earnings before extraordinary items	206	193
Net cash provided by operating activities	319	176
Capital expenditure	154	46
Acquisitions and investments	308	175
USS per share:		
Earnings before extraordinary items	1.22	1.14
Dividends declared	0.54*	0.51
recommended by directors and subj	ect to shareholder	' approval.

#### FINAL DIVIDEND

The proposed final dividend for the year to June 30, 1992 of 36 US cents is payable on November 17, 1992 to shareholders of record on October 4, 1992. The annual report will be maded to shareholders on or about October 8, 1992. Copies may be obtained from the UK number agent: Barelaju Registrans, Bourne House, 34 Beckenhara Road, Beckenhara, Kent, BR.3 4TU, England.

MINORCO SOCIETE ANONYME, LUXEMBOURG, SEPTEMBER 17, 1992



year, but only 40 per cent of the peak periods in the second half of 1989 and the first six contemporary paintings in London and New York. months of 1990. David Tyler, finance direc-tor of Christie's, said the The first six months of the year saw the global auction market bumping along the bottom for the third half in company had responded with deep cuts in costs since the peak of the market. Staff JULIAN HERRETT numbers are down 13 per cent, or by 200 people, and many salaries have been frozen for more than two years. Pre-tax profits for the per-iod fell from £3 million to £2.1 million, against more than £40 million for the first half of 1990. Operating profits rose 18 per cent to £718,000 but

net interest income fell from £2.4 million to £1.4 million, due to the impact on liquidity of collapsing profits and lower The interim dividend has been cut from 2.3p last year, when it was held at the 1990 level to 0.5p. Mr Tyler said the dividend cut reflected the protracted nature of the recession and Christie's traditionally conservative approach to dividend cover. Earnings per share were 0.7p. down from 0,98p last year.

Lord Carrington, the chairman, said his successor, Sir, Anthony Tennant, would be joining the board on January 1, becoming chairman at the annual meeting in May.

#### STOCK MARKET

# Share prices surge in heavy trading Cautious mood as Dow goes lower

SHARE prices enjoyed their biggest one-day rise since April 10 - the day after the general election — as hopes grew that the pound's devaluation would be enough to spark a revival of the economy and lead to lower interest

The FT-SE 100 index closed near its best level of the day having surged 105.6 to 2.483.9 in heavy turnover that saw 1.36 billion shares change hands. Brokers said the figure had been swollen by market-makers trading between themselves as they tried to go long of stock in the belief that the equity market had finally bottomed out and the recovery is now under way. It takes the rise in the index so far this week to 113 points. Genuine retail business remained light, with brokers unable to deal in any real size outside of the top 200 shares.

Share prices fluctuated wildly throughout the day but never moved out of positive territory after enjoying an early mark-up that carried the index more than 100 points higher. Even when the market showed signs of running out of steam, reducing its lead to just 25 points, it was revived by the Bank of England move to reduce the minimum lending rate by 2 per cent to 10 per cent - back to the level at

which it started the week. Once again, the big overseas earners attracted much of the attention. They are expected to benefit most, with the cheaper pound making them more

THE prospect of a gradual softening of interest rates in the weeks to come after the

pound's devaluation lifted

prices at the short end of the market by as much as £2. Fund managers switched

out of longs and into shorts. amid growing concern that one side effect of sterling's devaluation will be a rise in the inflation rate. There were losses for Treasury 84 per cent 2017, which fell £2% to £964. By contrast, Exchequer 94 per cent 1998 was chased £23/a higher to £1024.

On the futures market, the long gilt, which had outper-

formed the cash market on Wednesday, also came under

pressure with more than

70.000 contracts completed.

It ended the session £4 lower

at £974. Index-linked issues also enjoyed selective support

boosted by this week's revival

in the equity market and

inflationary pressures.

competitive. ICI jumped 38p to £11.05 despite whispers in the Square Mile suggesting that Goldman Sachs, the New York securities house, had placed the 10 million shares it bought from Hanson earlier this year at around the £14 level. But by the close, only 5 million had been traded, and it transpired that Schroder investment Management had bought an extra 7 million in the market, taking its stake to

21.6 million, or 3.03 per cent. Other dollar earners to go better included Reuters 55p to £11.95, Glaxo 14p to 813p, Wellcome 17p to 897p, Smith Kline Beecham 22p to 531p, BAT Industries 24p to 816p, Grand Metropolitan 23p to 432p, Courtaulds 38p to 446p. BTR 20p to 460p. RMC Group 34p to 443p and

Rolls-Royce 10p to 134p.

Reed International, the publisher, jumped 45p to 531p after announcing that it is to merge with Elsevier, the Dutch publisher.

Analysts are hoping that a revival in the economy will lead to a dramatic fall in provisions for bad and doubtful debts among the banks. Bardays led the way with a leap of 45p to 336p as 25 million shares changed hands. There were were also gains in heavy turnover for Abbey National 26p to 288p. TSB Group 10p to 135p. Bank of Scotland 10p to 108p. HSBC 30p to 381p. Lloyds 36p to 435p (6.8 million shares traded). Nat-

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**BRITISH FUNDS** 

BARCLAYS BANK: ECONOMIC REVIVAL WOULD LEAD TO FALL IN BAD DEBTS **43**0

357p, Royal Bank of Scotland 14p to 157p, and Standard Chartered 29p to 327p. Sterling's devaluation breathed new life into those sectors most vulnerable to a high interest rate policy. The bargain hunters were out in force among the builders there was an almost

ley Group 26 p to 224p.
Bryant Group 11p to 79p.
Countryside Properties 11p
to 67p, Crest Nicholson 5p to
31p, M. J Gleeson 10p to
593p, Higgs & Hill 4p to 35p,
John Laing A 9p to 123p,
John Mowlem 8p to 75p,
Beginnman 20p to 180p. Persimmon 20p to 180p.

Tate & Lyle jumped 17p to 336p as Archer-Daniels-Midland international increased its holding to 24.2 million shares. But any bid hopes are likely to be dashed by American regulatory authorities. A-D-M holds 30 per cent of the fructose corn syrup market in the US and competes with Tate's Staley subsidiary.

audible sigh of relief at the government's decision to wipe out Wednesday's 5 per cent rise in bank base rates.

Solid gains were recorded in Amec lip to 71p. Auglin Secured Homes 2p to 5½p, Avonside op to 72p, Barratt Developments 15p to 52p.

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Raine Industries 14p to 81p. Taylor Woodrow 11p to 57p. Westhury 3p to 49p, Wilson Bowden 17p to 251p. Wilson Connolly 13p to 110p, and George Wimpey 13p to 87p. There was also support for

the building supplies on hopes

of a revival in the industry's

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Bellway 14p to 213p. Berke-Properties 11p to 120p. Brixton Estates 5p to 115p. Chesterfield Properties 8p to

> and Wates City of London 4p There was little cheer for the unlines which have been seen as an ivestors' haven. BT fell 4p to 339p, while losses were

and Severa Trent op to 385p.

industrial average was mildly lower in mid-morning. but overall sentiment was firm. Traders attributed gains to a stable dollar but noted caution ahead of France's referendum on the Maastricht treaty.

The Dow was 2.97 points lower at 3.316.24 against an earlier high of 3.328.67. Advancing issues topped declining issues seven to five on volume of 34 million shares.

20p to 358p, Rugby Portland 25p to 199p, and Spring Ram 10p to 120p.
The property sector, which has been hard hit by the recession, continued to show signs of recovery with Bilton 15p better at 283p, British Land 18p to 134p, Bradford

in Meyer International, Sp

better at 193p, Travis Perkins 6p to 115p, Wickes 11p to 79p, Welseley 41p to 360p. BPB Industries 16p to 148p.

Blue Circle 12p to 152p. CRH 7p to 205p. Hepworth

25p to 255p, Heywood Wil-hams 6p to 152p, Instock Johnsen 4p to 49p, Marley 10p to 77p, Pilkington 5p to

90p, Polypipe 5p to 100p. RMC 30p to 439p, Redland

123p. Frogmore Estates 11p to 210p. Great Portland 10p to 210p. Great Portland 10p to 93p, Greycoat 5p to 20p. Flammerson A 14p to 188p. Land Securities 15p to 170p. MEPC 18p to 223p. Rosehaugh 13p to 52p. Slough Estates 13p to 133p. Warners Estates 13p to 133p. said

also notched up in Eastern Electricity 4p to 350p, Mid-lands Electricity 12p to 390p, Anglian Water 9p to 408p

WSMICHAEL CLARK

stock market reached a low after the Bundesbank decided not to back up Monday's rate cuts with further action. The Dax index dropped half a dozen points after the news from the central bank's council meeting, falling as low as 1,576.9, although dealers said some of the drop stemmed

from technical trading ahead

of the Dax futures expiry. After

spending most of the day

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caution, the market closed 5.8 points lower at 1,578.76. Sydney - Australian shares closed slightly firmer after

drifting in a narrow range, as investors watched the currency markets. But trade was patchy after the UK's decision to suspend sterling from the ERM, and news that Italy had pulled out temporarily. The all-ordinaries index closed 5.4 points up at 1.511.8.

#### Nikkei closes firmer

Tokyo - Shares staged a technical rebound to close modestly firmer, although off their day's highs.

Active targeting of incertive-backed issues and inde linked buy programme helped to buoy prices, bu many investors, with a war eye on jittery currency markets, stayed away, broker

The Nikkei average close up 171.82 points, or 0.96 pe cent, to 18, 116.52, with abo 270 million shares traded. ☐ Hong Kong — Shares rebounded powerfully in the afternoon in higher volume to wipe out heavy early losses of persistent rumours that Chin has agreed to new airpor financing proposals by Brit ain. The Hang Seng inde-ended 4.77 points higher a 5.637.9 after hitting a day

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#### Stop blaming the Bundesbank

y definition, scapegoats are innocent. White-hall's choice of the Bundesbank as prime mover in the collapse of sterling, its withdrawal from the ERM and the accompanying devaluation is therefore revealing. The truly guilty parties, John Major and Norman Lamont, made a mistake all 100 familiar to recession-hit businesses everywhere. They tried to sell something at a price the customers reckoned to be too high. Worse still, they believed that through the man-made devices of the ERM they could protect the pound from market forces, however overpriced Britain's currency might become. And worst of all, they were yesterday attempting to sell the idea that the pound might soon return to the ERM club with no reason to believe that membership would be any less painful next time.

Blaming the Bundesbank is a soft option and one that simply does not bear close scrutiny. Messrs Lamont and Major know well that Germany's central bank is not Europe's central bank and has not entirely welcomed those who would thrust that additional role upon it. The Bundesbank's responsibilities are domestic. Bailing out the pound, the lira or any other overvalued currency, through support that inflates money supply and conflicts with its prime task, is a course of action that can hardly be welcome. Having offered the solution of an orderly realignment and seen it rejected by Britain, the Bundesbank may well have felt no further obligation to worsen its

Britain may decide that life outside the ERM is simpler and the bracing air of freedom to set interest rates helpful for a while. If so, the market would warm to a Bank of England whose hand was strengthened by a greater degree of statutory independence in the making and execution of monetary policy. The knowledge that some body was empowered and willing to take decisions a politician might find difficult would help sterling in the short run and the economy over the longer term. Far from blaming the Bundesbank, Mr Major should copy it.

#### Going Dutch

eed and Elsevier could not wait to announce their merger, even though the pound's fall had wrecked the carefully constructed terms.

Reed's Peter Davis says they had "the brass cheek" to go public yesterday to avoid leaks, but both sides were clearly delighted with the tale they had to tell. including mutual higher profit forecasts. Recent Anglo-French cross-border mergers have proved disastrous but the Anglo-Dutch experience has shown a closer meeting of minds. This one has been carefully constructed on the successful models of Shell and Unilever, where Nigel Stapleton, Reed's finance director, worked for 18 years. Dividends will be equalised on Reed's model, giving a big income boost to Elsevier shareholders. Close-knit voting control of Elsevier will also be unscrambled.

The two groups, which have equally unromantic but solid businesses, will gain much better sector and geographical spread but the appeal lies in the potential for expansion, especially when some big American groups need to sell assets. Reed Elsevier will start with borrowings of less than £400 million if it gets off the ground, avoiding the punishing gearing that afflicts Time Warner. Harmonisation of accounting policy might, however, shrink shareholders' funds. This has not been decided but is likely to involve Reed unwinding its practice of valuing

That devaluation provides the only cloud. It will require a renegotiation that could expose doubts among Dutch shareholders. Reed has a good deal but Elsevier could hardly have managed its longplanned, great leap forward any better.

# It's time to take our pensions out of the hands of employers

In the wake of the Maxwell debacle. David Blake offers

a radically alternative method

of funding pensions

he Maxwell pensions scandal provides both an opportunity and a challenge. We have an opportunity to review funding arrangements in Brit-ain. We face the challenge of introducing a new system of pension funding that will sur-vive well into the next century. The magnitude of the Maxwell scandal is so great that we must start from scratch: tinkering around with the existing system will not suffice. If we were to imagine what

would be like, it would certainly not be the one that most of us have at the moment. It would not be an occupational scheme attached to a particular contract of employment. It seems as strange to attach a pension scheme to a contract of employment as to attach, say, a savings scheme.

What would we think if,

when we started working for a company, the employer insisted that we deposit all our savings with the company? Or If the the employer insisted that we could only get our savings back when we left the company, but if we left before we actually retired, we would get some unspecified sum of money returned to us? Or if the employer stated that the rate of return that we received on our savings would be both unspecified and unrelated to the rate of return that was received from investing them? Or that in the unfortunate event that the company went bankrupt, we might actually lose all our savings? In truth, we would not dream of leaving our life savings with an employer, so why leave our pension savings with one?
An ideal pension scheme

has the following characteris-tics. It is fully portable and completely independent of the company. Adequate contributions related to the employee's salary and age are made into the scheme by both the employee and the current employer. They are tax-deductible up to separate limits. There contribution rate, but the employee would be free to make additional voluntary contribu-

There would also be a standard employer contribution rate, but again employers might be induced to make additioanl contributions. Con-



limits would be permitted but would not attract tax relief. The employer's contributions would cease when the employee left the company, so that employer would be contributing to the employee's future pension only in proportion to the time that the employee

worked for the company.
The scheme would be administered by an independent trust corporation. This would be necessary to ensure adherence to tax relief limits. The administrator would be advised by actuaries to ensure that contributions were adequate. A system of competing trust corporations could be established, operating to a standardised set of deeds, which are similar to company articles of association. The pension fund assets

would be managed by an indenendent fund management group. Depending on their attitudes to risk, individuals could select a high-risk or lowrisk investment strategy, or some combination. If they become dissatisfied with one fund manager, they could transfer to a new one. Pension fund management groups would operate on a similar basis to unit trusts. They would butions on behalf of individuals. In return, individuals would be allocated accumulation units whose transfer values would be published daily. They could transfer between fund managers by exchanging

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fund would accrue free of income and capital gains tax. The pension age would be flexible and an individual could draw the pension without actually having retired. The administrator would sell the units and buy an indexlinked pension annuity from an insurance company. The annuity would depend on the size of the accumulated fund, the life expectancy of the individual, and the anticipat-

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proceeds are duly reinvested.

The investment income and

realised capital gains in the

ed inflation rate. The pension scheme would therefore, in practice, be a money-purchase scheme. However, a pension scheme related to salary could also be designed. It could not be a strict final salary scheme, since it would always be possible for an individual to negotiate a "final" salary from the employer that exceeded previous salary experience and bence the contribution record.

Nevertheless, it would be possible to design a scheme ings. The revaluation factor could be related to national average earnings (as with the state earnings related pensions scheme), or retail prices. Salary-based schemes are clearly feasible because, in the long term, real investment rates and the real growth rate in

ing between 2 per cent and 3

priate contribution rate and a sufficiently long contribution record, the required fund size at retirement could be expected with a high degree of probability. After all, this is nothing more than what occuschemes already promise. What is proposed here is that the scheme is provided by the market, rather than the company.

would be fully linked to retail price inflation. There is no real reason why real pensions can-not be guaranteed. Since the state is largely responsible for inflation, it might be necessary for it to insure pension increases above a certain rate of inflation. This might be necessary if, during some periods. investment returns did not keep up with inflation. Neverflation is a valuable right and the state might charge an insurance premium in return for providing this right. Part of the pension entitlement could be taken as a (taxable) lump sum. It would also be possible

such as death-in-service benefits and a spouse's pension. Pension scheme members would be provided with regu-

lar information about their schemes in the same way that shareholders receive information about their companies. The remuneration to the org-anisations involved in providing the schemes (i.e., scheme administrators, fund managwould be determined competitively and be published, but should not be front-end loaded. In other words, there should not be a high initial fixed charge that in effect ties an individual to a particular. and possibly inefficient or Finally, the pension industry would be supervised by a regulator who would also operate a compensation scheme

malpractice, financed by a levy on all pension funds. What are the advantages of such a pension scheme? Most importantly it personalises pension arrangements in precisely the same way that most other financial matters are personalised. In doing this, it eliminates all the potential conflicts of interest between the employee and the com-

in the event of fraud or

Further, it explicitly identifies where responsibilities lie: the employee and the employer for making adequate and timely contributions, the administrator for operating the scheme, the fund manager for running the pension fund for the benefit of the pensioner. the insurance company for providing the pension annuity; and the state for compensating the pensioner for excessive inflation and for regulating the industry.

How should the present hanged? Existing occupational schemes could be closed to new members and allowed to die a natural death, although this would take the best part of a century to occur. A more radical proposal would be to introduce the changeover immediately. Companies would recover either surpluses or fund delicits and the no maining pension fund assets would be unitised and allocared to personal pension funds.

To reduce break-up and and financial market uncertainty, occupational schemes would establish themselves as independent administrators running the individual funds of the former occupational schemes. They could immedness, and individuals would be free to transfer their units elsewhere. Natural inerna would minimise financia!

rotagonists of occupa-tional pensions claim that few personal pension scheme members would end up with pensions worth two thirds of final salary because such schemes cannot guarantee a pension at retirement that is linked to final salary, as with occupational schemes. The counter-question is: when the rights of early leavers are so poor and when the average individual changes jobs four times during his or her career. how many members of occupational schemes actually end up with such a pension under current arrangements?
To implement the ideal

pensions scheme will take a suggested to the Wilson Committee in 1980 but the pension funds persuaded the commit-tee against it. There can be no further delay.

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#### The 8 billion pound man

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TAST PARK

FOREIGN exchange traders. practised in the use of Cockney. rhyming slang — with ster-ling-dollar known as Betty Grable because it rhymes with sterling cable - have invented a new monetary unit. After government intervention in support of the pound, units of £8 billion are now being referred to as "lamonts". Adding to Norman Lamont's woes, Ron Pollard, ex-Ladbroke, the man who invented political betting in the sixties, says that the odds on the Chancellor's resignation "by Sunday night" are such a certainty that he would not offer a price. "The only question is whether Major will go down with him," says Pollard. He would offer odds of 5-2 on Major still being prime minister at the next Budget, 7-4 against. As for their successors, Pollard cites Kenneth Clarke as the "odds on favourite" to become Chancellor, with Heseltine favourite to succeed Major, followed by Clarke (2-1) and Douglas Hurd (7-2). "But deep down I think Hurd will be our next prime minister," says Pollard. The British public does not choose the prime minister, Tory MPs do, and many of them blame Heseltine for the fact that Thatcher is not there now to deal with this mess. They would see Hurd as a safe pair of hands."

#### **Bunker games** SO WHO gave Newsnight the



Pollard: shrewd observer

night from Churchill's Whitehall bunker? Not Jeremy Paxman, but Charles Morgan, a Kleinwort Benson man who that morning had had a letter published in The Times asking whether the Germans now regard economics as "the continuation of war by other means". Newsnight pounced on the idea, playing on the cabinet's bunker mentality. and brandishing Morgan's letter on air - a moment of glory that Morgan, stationed all night at his desk, missed. He is now desperate to see a video of the programme so if anyone happened to record it, Morgan's your man.

#### Eastern promise

AWAY from the temporary turbulence of its UK equity re-search department, UBS Phillips & Drew must be taking some comfort that things are progressing sather more smoothly in its Far Eastern division. Insisting that it is purebrilliant idea of doing its "cri- ly coincidental, UBS P&D has sis" coverage on Wednesday effectively re-assembled the

Far Eastern team that operated at Rowe & Pitman/Warburg Securities in the early to mid-eighties. Harry Wells. 38, is due to start in a week's time as the new head of Far Eastern equity sales in London. Wells, at present with Credit Lyonnais, was managing director of Rowe & Pitman's Hong Kong office in 1980. In October, he will find his new P&D team boosted by the arrival of Richard Bonsor, 45, from Matheson Securities, as a director of East Asian equities. Out in Singapore, meanwhile, will be Mark Hadsley-Chaplin, 31, who this week moved from the Warburg office there to P&D, as the most senior member of the team, and Mark Kan, previously with GK Goh, who will join in November as head of the dealing desk. A spokeswoman said: "This team is a new entity, intended to give us a real presence in East Asia."

#### Sush ... GEC

AN UNGUARDED moment

in the discreet inner sanctums of Aykoku Kaku, aJapanese restaurant near Cannon Street, left two diners intrigued one lunchtime this week. As the City eavesdroppers tucked into their sushi. the door to one of the private rooms opened to show a gathering of murmuring Japanese. Above the murmur came the boom of a plummy English voice enquiring: "So when do we hit GEC?" The two diners left before the identities of the party were revealed, but perhaps Lord Weinstock should

CAROL LEONARD

#### BUSINESS LETTERS

#### UK has paid for German unity

From Mr Philip Turner
Sir, Having warned in a letter
to The Times (January 8,
1991) about the perils of the
exchange-rate mechanism, 1 feel entitled to another crack. The current upheaval in the

ERM is in fact a Deutschmark crisis. Although the UK press have liked to call it a sterling crisis, it has only been made so by the less than clever han-dling of the situation by Mr Lamont.

It is now clear to all that Germany's domestic preoccu-pation with the high costs of reunification and its gradual loss of competitiveness must not be allowed to set economic policy for the rest of Europe. whose problems are of a quite different and less intractable

What has occurred in the last few days is not the fault of speculators but of an unworkable and undesirable policy. Foreign exchange markets

know a one-way street when they see one.

Until now, the UK has borne a huge cost for these mistaken policies in terms of lost output and unemployment as we, in effect, helped to pay for German reunification and ultimately to strengthen the position of our major competitor.

Having temporarily broken free, it would be a tragedy if we rejoin the ERM again before Germany's special problems

The clear strategy is to allow sterling to float freely for the foreseeable future and adjust present interest rates downwards to a level (far below present rates) more appropriate for the parlous state of the Yours faithfully, PHILIP G. TURNER, Wassall Pic. 39 Victoria Street,

#### Punitive VAT rate deters consumer spending

From Mr Anthony Trotman Sir, Whenever members of the government appear on tele-vision news bulletins they look mystified as to why the public is not spending more money. it never seems to occur to them that the high rate of value-

added tax is responsible.

I have recently had to have the exterior of this old house re-painted. The VAT I had to

pay on the bill was the equivalent of £1 for every day of this leap year. I could have bought quite a few requisites for this £366 in the high street. It will be quite some time before another opportunity recurs. Yours faithfully.

ANTHONY TROTMAN. 17 Eastcourt Road, Salisbury, Wiltshire.

#### Indian lesson on company losses and salary

From Mr Anthony Good Sir, I was interested to learn on a visit to India, from which I have just returned, that Indian company law carries a provision compelling directors to take a 10 per cent cut in pay

Is this not an example that we should follow? Yours truly, ANTHONY GOOD (Chairman), Cox & Kings, 39 Bullingham Mansions, Kensington Church Street, if their company moves into

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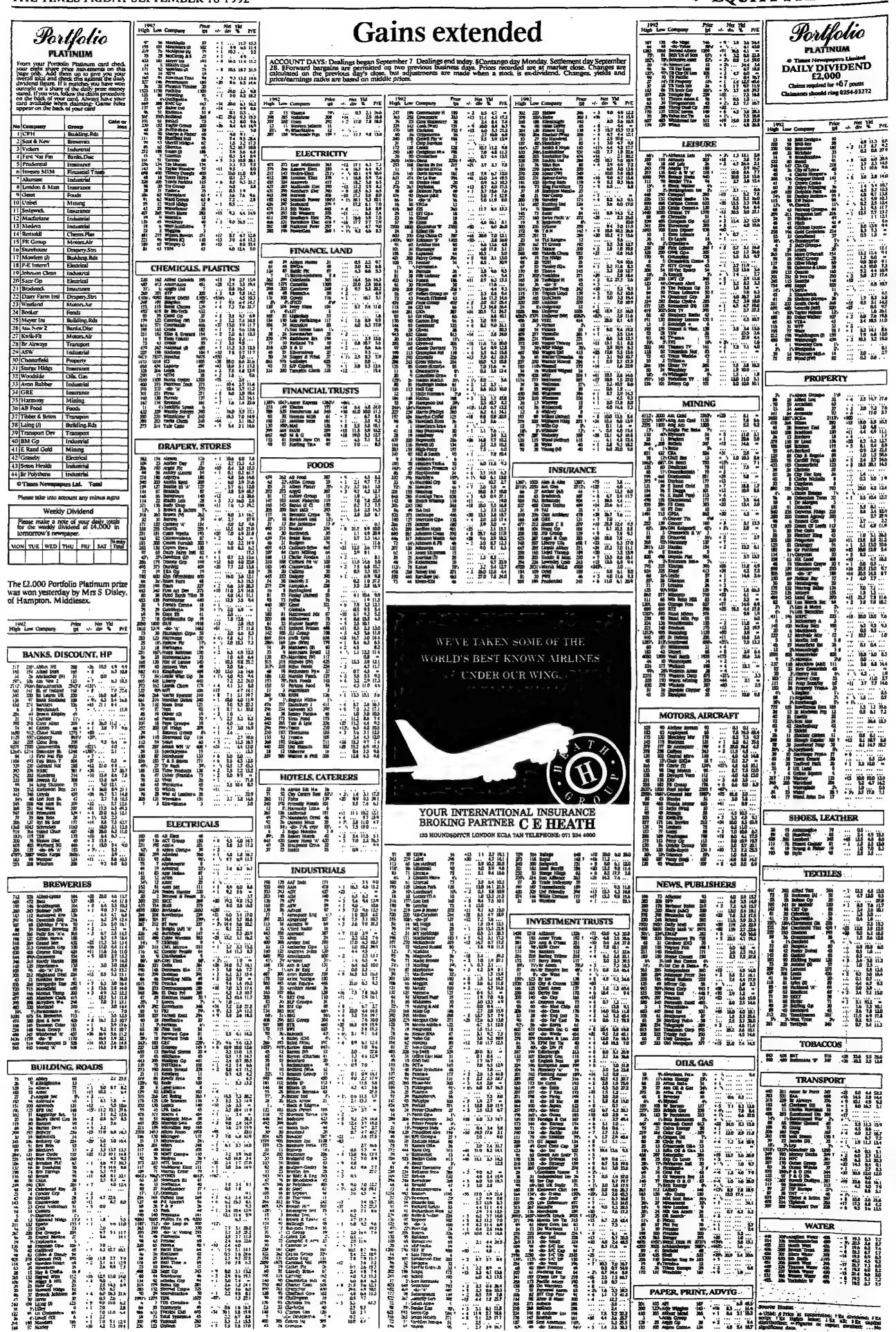
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computer crime

he Computer Misuse Act became law two years ago and introduced three criminal offences punishable with unlimited fines and up to five years' jail. The Act covers anything from unauthorised hacking into computer files to the more serious crimes of destroying data using viruses and breaking into a computer with the intention of committing a further offence, such as theft.

There have been few prosecutions and this could be seen to mean that the new law has been a deterrent. Computer experts, however, are convinced that misuse is still rife. They are also worried that the ability to damage a computer system is becomprograms that contain ready-to-go viruses, so that disenchanted employees and others do not have to be computer-literate enough to write their own programs.

For example, Virus Construction Lab (VCL), a program recently dis-covered in the United States, promises to make virtually anybody into a "computer terrorist". VCL offers a huge range of viruses, from the merely annoying that flash messages designed to destroy the information

The programs are fairly primitive and their effects are not too difficult to sort out." says Edward Wilding, the editor of The Virus Bulletin, a monthly newsletter, "but there is considerable worry that they will soon become more sophisticated and a real danger to company computer systems." In Britain,

the term "hack-mailer" has arrived, referring to people altering programs so that they will not run properly, usually after a certain date. Their use ranges from straight-

forward criminal demands for money to the legal minefield of individual freelance programmers or small software houses placing such "logic bombs" in a client's programs, with the threat of activating them if they are not paid.



Virus warning: "There is a worry that the programs will soon become more sophisticated and a real danger," Edward Wilding says

contract programmers using logic bombs to ensure that their continued services are required. This is illegal under the Computer Misuse Act. although it becomes more arguable if their intended use to ensure payment has been outlined in the small print." Estimates of the amount lost in the

'Programmers are

using logic bombs

in clients' software

to ensure payment'

UK from crimes involving the use of computers vary but all are huge, rang-ing from £400 million to £2 billion a year. So why have there been so few prosecutions under the Computer Misuse Act? According

to a report prepared for the trade and industry department by Coopers & Lybrand, the management consultancy, and published this week. one reason is that most companies will

not report cases of computer misuse. This is particularly true where a member or former member of staff is involved. Most known computer crime cases are in this category.

The report, "Dealing with Computer Misuse", says embarrassment is a main discouragement. "A prosecution would indicate a weakness in their business systems to shareholders, potential customers and competitors, which could undermine their confidence in them," the report

Mr Wilding says: "Companies just grammers are still able to move on to other companies because everybody is keeping quiet. We advise organisations that contact us to tell the Metropolitan Police computer crime unit, but we do not pass on details of the companies concerned."

The lack of prosecutions has made the problem worse, the report says. Companies fear there could be a lot of public interest in the first few large

cases, creating unwanted publicity. Even worse, companies doubt whether they would derive any direct benefit from proecution because "unlike a civil claim, there is no restitutional element in a prosecution for computer misuse, nor any possibility for compensation". One answer could be to make it obligatory to report misuse to some central author-

ity. Coopers & Lybrand rejects this as

too difficult to enforce and says it could set an unjusoutlines less severe options, such as encouraging the proceed with cases to reduce the novel-

ty value, or persuading insurance companies to put pressure on com-However, unlike other crimes, such

get convictions

as fraud, where companies are seen as far more willing to pursue prosecutions, the report found little evidence that businesses have insured themmisuse. Until that happens insurance companies cannot press companies

Some companies also say they are reluctant to use the Act because of concern about the police's technical ability and resources to get a convic-

unfounded, the re-Some businesses because the low use fear the police lack of the Act means that the police rethe resources to sources for computer crime are adequate, but it recommends in-

creasing the number to deal with an expected rise in

However, unless companies become more willing to report misuse, the hackers who attack the right company need fear prosecution far less than they would if they indulged in more traditional crimes.

## Your office in the air

Business passengers will soon be able to keep working on flights

Business passengers on commercial air-lines used to be able to sink into their seats and forget their worries. However, thanks to computer and satellite technology. they will soon no longer be chines, electronic mail and "airphones" will reconnect them to businesses.

The large airlines are using the innovations to add to their in-flight services to get a competitive planes include computer networks allowing passen-gers to continue working as if they had not left the office. In the United States

Northwest Airlines has begun in-stalling "interactive video units" in all its Boeing 747s. Such systems allow passengers to use a

small video screen the back of the seat in front make telephone calls

and hotel and car reservations, receive information about connecting flights, view video films, order drinks, food and duty-free goods and play video games. Northwest intends to add a satellite link so that it can show live television, including news coverage and sports events.

and give stock quotes. The seatback revolution is starting in airlines all over the world. Air Canada offers only seatback tele-phones. Passengers must wipe their credit card through a magnetic reader to use the telephone and pay £2.50 a minute for international calls, plus-a flat connection fee of £2.50

a call. The telephones are

available throughout the aircraft, while most seatback technology is available only in first or business

Virgin Atlantic is more concerned with using technology to improve in-flight entertainment. Last year. Virgin became the first airline with individual colour seathack screens for every passenger on its wide-bodied aircraft. During the past year, the company has installed colour, 4in and 6in seatback displays in its 747s and offers a choice of six on-board television channels. Richard Branson, Virgin Atlantic's chairman.

an enthusiast for on-board vices, offered indihalf-way house ness and first class. for in-flight

use before seatback video systems came available. British Airways is spending millions

on seatback video systems in first and business class. Lufthansa is investing in an interactive video system. for all the new Airbus A340S planes it is buying next year to replace its geing DC-10s.

Figures released earlier this year by the World Airline Entertainment Association indicate that by 1995 the number of aircraft offering a video entertainment system will be double the number in 1989 when the systems were first wide-

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# Looking-glass fantasy

Technology shows that projection is often better than reflection

alt Disney's fantasy of the talking mirror White's wicked stepmother and gave her a beautiful reflection has come a step

An Anglo-German team has developed an electronic mirror. When a person is present, it displays three-dimensional messages, images. advertisements or pastoral

soundtrack. Used in a bathroom during morning ablutions, it could replace a bather's haggard appearance with a tanned and youthful image as captured on a holiday transparency loaded into the device. Meanwhile, the sound system could offer compliments or, for extra morning pep, play a military march or the 1812 Overture.

The device has been developed by EC Tronics, of Brighton, and was unveiled this week at the Seeboard Technology Fair. At its heart are a microchip and an infra-red beam. When somebody stands near the mirror, the beam detects the presence and a sequence of up to ten pre-set images and a synchronised

recording are triggered.

Owners of the device, called the Audio-Vision Mirror, can load their own transparencies and record their own soundtracks. The system has a powerful, low-voltage halogen lamp, which illuminates the scenes. Potentially, the system could be developed to carry moving images or to sense the sex of the person standing before the mirror.

John Shouler, a director of the company, says the mirror is attracting enormous interest. In January, the company

**FOOTNOTES** 

☐ Unofficial copying of soft-ware for Apple Macintosh

computers is costing more

than £20 million a year, says

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of an 18-month survey.



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will ship its first order of 10,000 to the Continent, where they will be used to display menus in German

Mr Shouler says the applications are limitless: "It could be used by a company advertising its products a hotel advertis ing its services or a golf club advertising its facilities. One company has suggested we could apply it to safety applica-

around the world by the end

of the year, in time to compete

with rival digital compact

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ics of France have developed a

semiconductor chip that sim-

plifies colour television manu-

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tions. As a person goes from a safe area to a hazardous area in a factory, the mirror could alert him to the dangers." Other commercial uses fore-

seen for the mirrors, which come in different sizes, include displaying railway timetables and services. In art galleries or the home, such a mirror could be used to display pleasing paintings by famous artists, while in the bath a vanity

version could be programmed to show mountain streams and icebergs accompanied by Sibelius's Finlandia.

"You can do what you like with it," Mr Shouler says. "If you want to stand in front of it and hear it say, 'Mirror, mirror, on the wall...', it can be done. It will appeal to vain people. I suppose.

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# Hey presto for business Electronic data

interchange (EDI) could change the face of trading in Britain, Jane Bird reports

nyone who has been prom-ised that "the cheque is in the post" knows the problems of paper-based trading. Even when the cheque finally arrives, it may be payable to the wrong person or filled in for an incorrect amount.

From invoices and shipping advices to remittances and banker's orders, the problems are the same paper can be slow, unwieldy and prone to error.

Now technology is coming to the rescue, with a computerised trading technique known as electronic data interchange (EDI), which is faster, cheaper and much more accurate.

The idea emerged in the mid 1980s, when computers and telecommunications equipment had been installed in companies for a wide range of activities, from production and distribution to accounts and marketing. Extending computer links beyond the company

was the next logical step.

This enables a retailer to place electronic orders with a supplier, who can then transmit a shipping advice note when the goods are dispatched. Invoices and remittance advices can also be expressed extracted. also be generated automatically.

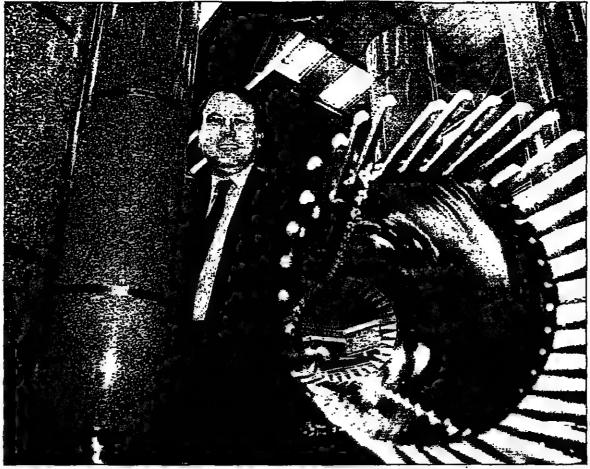
More than six thousand companies in Britain are estimated to be using electronic trading. They range from corporations to small businesses, and forecasts suggest that within the next two or three years. EDI will be used by more than 50,000 firms worldwide.

Speed is a hig bonus. Data sent by post and processed manually can take days or even weeks. EDI takes less time than sealing an envelope, so orders can be placed and confirmed in seconds. By eliminating manual processes,

EDI reduces the opportunity for mis-takes. Research shows that around 70 per cent of information being entered into computers has previously been printed out by other computers. At each stage, inaccuracies may creep in. Some 40 per cent of invoices sent or received by European companies contain errors, and the statistics for inaccurate purchase orders and dispatch notes are just as bad. process orders more

Electronic trading can reduce costs too. One study in the United States claims that switching to EDI can reduce the cost of processing a form by

These cost-cutting and time-saving



Paul Padley with communication cable seals: "Orders from customers are fed directly into the computer"

factors attracted Paul Padley, information services manager of Raychem. which has implemented EDI at its manufacturing plant in Swindon, Wiltshire, where it makes heat-shrinking seals for telecom-

."Orders from customers such as BT and British Aerospace are fed directly into the computer. and instructions are generated for ware-house staff," says Mr Padley. "Staff can then package the goods, label them with appropriate vidual customers, and dispatch them by 5pm the same day. Our aim was to

quickly, and especially more accurately. By minimising human contact with the business transaction, we have dramatically shortened the cycle time."

Padley's list for transition to EDI, in preparation for the single European

The motor industry has also been using EDI as an effective method of keeping in touch with its many dealers

> parts more quickly. Another gain claimed for electronic trading is the ability to slim down inventories. DIY chains, supermarkets and other industries dealing with high volumes and low profit margins have moved fast to exploit the potential savings of quick response and just-intime manufacturing. The idea is to

and supplying spare

push inventory further and further back up the supply chain, so that the person who does not have EDI is the one left holding all the stock," says Colin Billinge, the marketing director of International Network Services, which runs Britain's biggest EDI

Although it is technically feasible to set up EDI links directly with customers and suppliers, this can become difficult as a network grows. So most EDI is conducted through a thirdparty network service, such as INS or BT's Edinet. The multiplicity of services does

create problems, because they tend to require data in different forms. "As yet there are no definitive standards," says Mr Padley. There is always a discre-tionary element which tends to mean everyone does something different."
Further difficulties are emerging as

EDI users attempt to "close the loop" and round off their electronic transac tions with automatic payment. Banks have often locked customers into proprietary systems, although work is now proceeding on common stan-dards, which will allow customers to switch freely between different banks.

A conference on electronic data inter-change, EDI 92, will take place at the International Convention Centre. Birmingham, October 6-8.

## Britain takes the lead in Europe

There are between 6,000 and 7,000 users of ED1 in the UK, including one in four of all organisations with more than 100 employees. This number is expected to grow by 25 to 30 per cent a year during the next few years. according to a survey by PFA Research, a specialist EDI consultancy.

The businesses that have taken the plunge are expected to increase the volume of electronic messages passing between trading partners at least fourfold by 1995. Traffic over INS, one of the

UK's leading EDI networks, has grown by 50 per cent this year, and other large net-works, such as AT&T-Easylink and IBM, have had similar growth.

IBM says eight gigabytes of UK data pass over its European network, out of a European total of 12.5 gigabytes, showing that the UK is well ahead of the rest

However, the PFA survey, which covered 1,100 companies, estimates that only 3 per cent of business transactions in the UK are transmitted electronically. "EDI used to

be only for the brave," says Jim Wilkinson, the managing director of AT&T-Easylink UK. "but now it is becoming much easier to justi-fy expenditure on it."

Lee Tate, the managing director of INS, admits, however, that this happens only when a large retailer has written to suppliers telling them politely that they should accept orders electronically, or else they cannot expect any more business. Nearly half the businesses adopting ED1 did so because of pressure from an important customer, against per cent who do it to "improve business performance", the survey says.

The survey reports that only 11 per cent of established users say they have derived no benefit, whereas nearly half claim improved speed, 35 per

More trade by electronic links

is predicted as the single market

approaches

cent error reduction and 30 per cent administrative savings. One development is that businesses that started EDI as more or less unwilling "spokes" to a dominant "hub" customer, are themselves be-coming hubs by persuading their suppliers to trade with them electronically, spreading

EDI down the supply chain. EDI is still largely for domestic trade - only 15 per cent have EDI transactions with overseas trading part-

Reasons why organisations are using Electronic Data Interchange

age of EDI users parti

ners, though the advent of the

single market next year is changing this. INS, for exam-

ole, has seen 200 overseas

customers link to UK com-

panies during the past two

years and expects many more

as large retailers such as Tesco

and Boots trade electronically

with their European suppliers.

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Experienced EDI users

were always thought likely to

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One surprise of the survey is

Pressure from major customers

EDI is becoming international. Another surprise of the survey is the prevalence of the Edifact message standard, the international Esperanto of EDI, adopted by 43 per cent of the users. Although Tradacoms, the older "national" computer language of ED1, meant purely for the UK.

is still dominant, it is only just so. Altogether 58 per cent of customers use Tradacoms and 43 per cent Edilact. The balance is expected to tip the other way.

Government departments are increasing their use of EDI and are bound by European Community rules to use the international standard. In the past, EDI in the UK has been administered haphazardly, on an industry-by-industry basis. To reflect the growth of the groups are expanding.

The Article Numbering As sociation (ANA), which has driven EDI in

retail, has doubled its permanent staff of standard makers, consultants and marketing the EDI Association, which my, has taken on special interest prouns for govemment and

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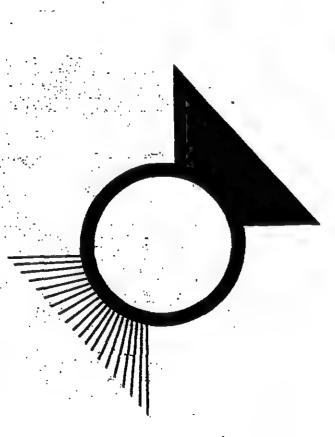
is changing from being a purely voluntary organisation In the past, there has been creative tension between the two bodies, which have worked with different standards. The ANA has been more concerned with domestic trade and the EDI Association has concentrated on international trade and finance.

The single European mar ket and the widening of EDI over all sectors of the economy has made this split increasingly harmful, and this year the two bodies have been cooperating, particularly on de-fining what industry needs from the banks to achieve successful electronic payment

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# Retailers go on line

ntain's lead in the use of electronic data inter-change (EDI) is creating an increasing international dimension to exploit the advantages of electronic trading in

Although supermarket chains have been in the forefront of EDI development, non-food sectors are also making advances. Among them is B & Q, the market leader in do-it-yourself retailing, and part of the Kingfisher group, which owns Woolworth.

B&Q is so committed to EDI that it now tells new suppliers: "We will only deal with you electronically.

Des Lee, B & Q's information technology director, has had long experience with electronic systems, first at Rowntree Mackintosh, the food and confectionery manufac-turer, then in insurance at Lloyd's of London.

B&Q uses suppliers in many countries, from north America to the Far East as well as on the Continent. Most of its British suppliers trade with B & Q electronically, and it is also working on problems such as different payment methods in other countries.

"We work to the quick-response philosophy, so our stocks are at an absolute minimum," Mr Lee says.

The days of guesswork about stock levels

are ending, as Britain's big stores

adopt new systems, reports Derek Harris

developed

EDI in Europe'

"Yet if you do not have the goods on the shelf, you do not sell them." Some gardening products, such

as plants, have a limited shelf-life because peak condition has to be achieved and maintained, but these supplies have now been fully integrated into the EDI system. Quick response may be good for

the retailer but what about the supplier?"It is all very well screaming at a supplier product delivery but the problem is that the supplier in turn will be working to a just-in-time philosophy to

achieve the best stock control," Mr Lee says. The best way to resolve the two approaches, he believes, is good forecasting. But this can raise its own problems.

You know what should sell at different seasons - and so on - but you can get it wrong if you are not extremely careful and agile," Mr

Lee says. "Otherwise, you can have no product when you need it and lots when you do not."

Another bluechip retailer with a burgeoning international EDI network is the Sears group, which has retailing interests including Selfridges, Olympus sports goods and footwear chains, including Dokis, Saxone, Lilley & Skinner, and Free-

Sears, which The UK is the most has 15,000 suppliers around the world, began its market for retail drive into electronic trading earlier this year. By the end of the year, it expects to

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have 100 key suppliers on an EDI

Within three years, John Wheeler, head of the Sears group information systems, expects that most of the group's trade will be done electronically. "It will take time to get there because it is not just about waving pieces of technology at people," he says. "It is about how we exchange information with our suppliers, about real partnership with suppliers and the two sides growing closer together. The EDI technology is simply a catalyst for such a change."

The Sears dictum, he adds, will be "to buy what we sell, not just to sell what we buy .

But it is in groceries that EDI is really taking over. MD Foods, a Danish co-operative, processes almost three-quarters of its domestic orders electronically and is extending the network to the UK, as well as targeting other European countries.

The co-operative produces 70,000 tonnes of butter a year and more than 200,000 tonnes of cheese. Half the world's supply of feta cheese comes from the MD farmers. Its best known brand in Britain is Lurpak.

MD already works electronically with Tesco Stores on orders and invoices. Another big supermarket chain now orders electronically from the co-operative and a third is to start soon.

According to Aksel Poulstrup, MD's sales operations manager, "going electronic outside Denmark has moved furthest in the UK. which is the most developed market for EDI in Europe".



"If you do not have the goods on the shelf, you do not sell them," says Des Lee of B &  ${f Q}$ 

## Keying in the best security

hen organisations start to trade electronically, they are often worried about what will happens if a message is sent ordering 500 widgets, and they receive 50,000 widgets.
Such legal and security

concerns can seem an obstacle to the growth of electronic trading in Europe. However. these worries are usually based on a lack of understanding by company decision-makers of the nature of the

technology.

There is, for example, an expectation of guarantees from technology that did not previously exist and were not even demanded from paperbased communications.

EDI security should be built on three separate levels: techniques to protect the information when in the network, procedures to restrict the use of a network and

He's been arrested

for forgery

agreements to spective responsibilities ding partners. The first concern is that age enters the network, it beable to alteration. In general. networks are designed comply with a range

international standards which ensure that data will not be corrupted during transmission.

Expert systems can be installed at a user's end to interrogate messages before they enter critical business applications, to check that the data falls within pre-defined boundaries. The choice of communica-

tion protocol, by which data flows through the network, is the next level of protection for data. Both the X400 messa handling standard for EDI and the international Edifact message standard, contain built-in security features. A second concern for users is network access, ensuring

that a message can be sent only from an authorised person. The means of authentication may also have to satisfy statutory or regulatory requirements as to what constitutes a "signature", even when it is made electronically.

The Law of Property Act 1925 states that a legal assignment of a debt has to be signed. This can create problems for the use of EDI in the factoring industry.

One of the most secure ways to ensure message authentication, as well as protec-ting the confidentiality of the message contents, is the use of cryptographic techniques.

This involves transforming plain text, using a complex algorithm, into "cipher" text. The success of this technique depends on two factors: the algorithm must be too complex to be able to discover by random computational techniques except over an unreasonably long period of time: and the encryption key, which transforms the data into cipher text, must be protected from unauthorised use. "Public key encryption" is seen as having particular applications

achieve digital signatures CARROT subsequently be repudiated

by the sender. This technique uses a matching pair cryptoone for encryption, the other for decryption. The decryption key is kept secret, while the oth-

available to those with whom you want to communicate. The mathematical nature of the algorithms prevents the private key from being discovered from the public key.

The general use and status of electronic signatures has yet to be explicitly accepted by English courts. However, case law has in the past been prepared to accept a wide range of different forms of authentication.

The implementation of audit procedures should also play a critical role in ensuring technical and legal security. For example, audit procedures enable compliance monitoring of statutory regulations, such as the Data Protection Act 1984, as well as contractual obligations.

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# Electronic banking beckons

Martin Whybrow predicts an increase in customer demand for automatic payment

The banks were

afraid customers

might bypass

them altogether

slower than most to embrace the idea of electronic trading or electronic data interchange (EDI). While others forged ahead, the

That is now changing, with banks actively marketing their EDI services and viewing them as a way to attract

And about time too. a reasonable customer might respond. Ideally, customers would like to "close the loop" by automating the entire payment process. Although very few are doing this at present, banks are finally addressing the electronic needs of their customers. the electronic needs of their customers, and this means that the necessary EDI infrastructure is starting to take shape.

There are several reasons for the banks' sluggishness, not all of which are the banks' own fault. For one thing.

payment is the final stage of any trade cycle, and com-panies have had their hands full establishing links to For another thing,

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tronically is not especially easy. From the bank's point of view, connections have to be made to all sorts of customers in all sorts of industries. Unlike links with suppliers, banking EDI is not a closed community within a specific industry.

From the customer's point of view. automating the payments process can require tricky and lengthy changes to perhaps antiquated accounts systems. In addition, legal and security issues arise when it comes to using EDI to transfer money. For example, who bears the risk if a message is lost or changed? And is computer output acceptable as evidence in court?

Nevertheless, the main reason for the banks' reluctance to become involved in EDI is that they have difficulty in justifying the cost of the investment.

The banking sector has been. The benefits may be clear cut from the customer's point of view - better cash management and improved efficiency

in company payments divisions — but what is in it for the banks? As a result, the initial impetus came very much from the customers. And those who started to demand EDI payment services from their banks were primarily large corporations, so the banks had no alternative but

As the first EDI links between customers and banks were put in place, the banks suddenly found that they had reason enough to invest in the field, forfailure to offer electronic payment might mean lucrative business passing to a competitor.
So EDI payment became a compe

tive weapon, and prompted by fears that customers might bypass them altogether, the banks slowly began to offer

National Westminster Bank lists customers as diverse as the Sheffield Health Authority, Spar and Gillette, as service.

Tim Earles, senior product manager at Barclays, says: "At present, all banks are stating that they are doing much the same thing. In future, when we can give a fuller service, we will be able to say to the market, take on board our services whether or not you bank with

At present, most of the EDI connections go merely from customer to bank and no further. The EDI loop will be complete only when the whole of the payment process is covered. This involves the payment message passing to the customer's bank, but also to the supplier's bank. The supplier's account is then automatically credited, and the supplier is advised accordingly.

One or two banks have established links between themselves for swapping EDI messages, but this is still very



Tim Earles of Barclays: the future lies with EDI

bank EDI is only now under way.

The Society for Worldwide Interbank Financial Telecommunication (Swift) is the Brussels-based service company of the intenational banking community, set up some 15 years ago to provide interbank telecommunications. Around 25 banks are now linked an interbank pilot system.

However, volumes of communica-tion remain relatively low at present. Where more than one bank is involved, in the loop, two customers and two banks are involved in each transaction. which means four computers and four business organisations must be adapted, says John Chavez of Swift. Furthermore, different countries have different payment formats.

But Swift's is not the only interbank initiative. In a rare example of co-operation, the four big UK clearers and

the Royal Bank of Scotland have set up the Interbank Data Exchange (IDX) for exchanging payment messages. A pilot scheme ended in June this year, and other banks may now join. However, the volume of business remains low.

The benefits of EDI for corporate customers are currently the subject of a study being funded jointly by the IDX banks and the Department of Trade and industry. This should be published in the spring, and reflects recognition of EDI by both the banking sector and government.

EDI is here to stay. "All large corporations we have spoken to are engaged with it" says. Mr. Farles. "If war trading on as many as five different networks. It is up to

with it," says Mr Earles. "If your competitor has EDI and you haven't, look out." And the same can now be said of the banks, and those that do not address the EDI needs of their customers may soon be losing business.

## Car makers set the pace for EDI drive

nlike some sectors. British manufacturers are still not using electronic trading to its full potential. Yet, as the single European market approaches, they are ahead of their Continental competitors in the use of EDI systems.

Sony, for example, uses electronic trading to order components from its UK suppliers for the one and a half million televisions sets it makes here annually. The electronics giant, which takes about 750 different components from a dozen suppliers, estimates that EDI has cut delivery times by up to two-thirds since its introduc-

Colin Billinge, the market-ing director of INS, a company that runs the Tradanet network, says that the adop-tion of EDI by manufacturers has been patchy at best. "The strongest area of EDI is in the retail sector," he says.

"The motor industry could

legitimately say that it was one of the first users of EDI because of its just in time production philosophy, and EDI has also taken off in the electronics industry, where a lot of components come from overseas countries."

Jenny Proctor, EDI marketing manager for AT&T, one of the half a dozen companies that run EDI networks in Britain, says that one of the problems is the incompatibility between the different net-works and a lack of agreed

Black & Decker, for example, uses the AT&T network for communicating with its component suppliers but uses the INS network for communication with its retailers. Miss Proctor says: "It is not unusual to find companies

the network suppliers themselves to supply the links between the systems." NCR manufactures automated telling machines for banks and building societies and in 1991 introduced elec-

Ron Dickenson, NCR's specialist in manufacturing systems at its Dundee factory.



says that the company has skipped the more common stages of electronic trading. order and invoice transmission, and put EDI at the heart of the production process. NCR uses the system to give suppliers forecasts of its needs, based on a materals requirements planning

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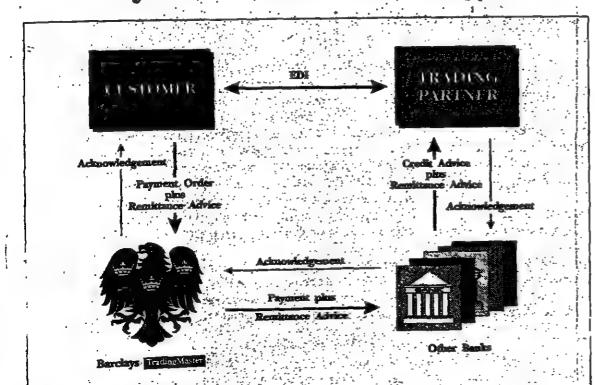
One of the reasons NCR is using electronic trading in this way is that for the pattern of ATM, production has changed over the past lew years. Customers increasingly require a machine customised to their requirements, which means that batch production of standard machines is no

There are still many prob-lems to be sorted out before EDI is fully adopted on the factory floor.

Until they are, the likeli-hood of electronic trading penetrating further into the manufacturing sector, even if it does improve efficiency, is

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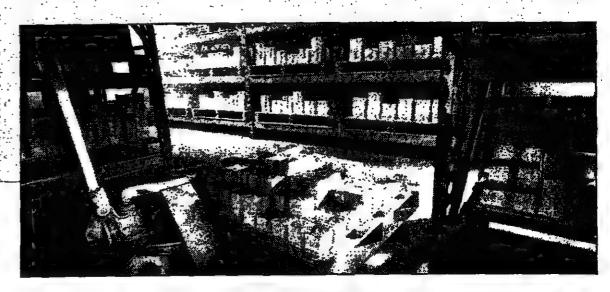
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A slow switch to electronic data could upset the trading advantages of the single European market, Kevin Willmott reports

# Green for go, or will customs snarl up?

n unprecedented opportunity for electronic trading in new customs and excise processes will start with the introduction of the single European market next year. The market will mean that most goods will no longer need to be cleared

More than 95 per cent of Britain's seven million import declarations are already captured electronically at ports, mostly through communities of clearance agents using systems known as direct trade input. From January 1, however, those declarations representing EC trade - more than half - will no longer be required, but customs will still need the information it used to extract from them.

· From the new year customs will require a quarterly EC sales listing from exporters with turnover of £60,000 a year or more, as well as a monthly statistical summary from importers and exporters with turnbetween E120,000 and

£140,000 (the figures are still provisional).

Customs estimate that up to 90,000 of the 130,000 British traders involved in EC traffic will be affected by the sales listings, while the need for a monthly summary will involve between 25,000 and 30,000 of those companies. But there is no great

stampede towards doing it 'Small companies will find it hard to The customs has set up an deal with the new electronic datacapture service to needs of customs' encourage the

EDI on disc or magnetic tape. This service is already connected to the EDI networks of INS and IBM. Although 3,000 trade specifications have been issued, customs has based its projections on only 2,000 companies submitting infor-

mation via EDI. However, it has

input of data by

no idea of what level of electronic reporting to expect, parily because information has been late in appearing. And, by setting low thresholds for VAT and statistical reporting, many non EDI-conversant companies are drawn into the net. There is also some complica-

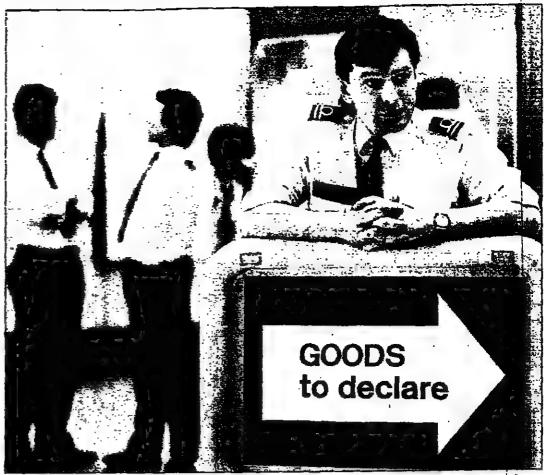
> VAT procedures for domestic trade, EC and non-EC trade. "Among traders, there is still a lack of awareness of White, the direc-

tor-general of the British International Freight Association. The association is lining up Bifanet, its software and network service, so a freight-forwarder will be able to act as a third party, submitting elec-

tronic data on a client's behalf. Although the government-sponBoard is updating its exporter software to provide an EDI facility, it is worried that initial trader input will be on documents, which could create a mountain of paperwork for customs staff.

"Most companies with financial and dispatch systems could capture the electronic data required as a byproduct of what they are already doing," says David Green, the controller of international affairs for the Freight Transport Association. "I do not think EDI is going to be an attractive option unless companies are using it in other commercial activities."

Ian Campbell, the Institute of Export's director-general, is concerned for companies in the 15 million to £20 million a year turnover range. "A lot of small companies are going to find it difficult to deal with the differences in information that customs will require," he says. "They will probably have to invest in new software."



Going electronic clearance of goods through European Community customs should be easier



Karl Uggerholt with a Braun shaver: improved repair service

here is no standard check list against which companies can evaluate the benefits of paperless trading. A common pitfall, however, is to categorise EDI as an information technology concept largely confined to the computer department.

As the essence of EDI is exchanging information electronically, one of the first considerations is who an organisation needs to link up with. Most users are connected via a specialist operator of an ED1 network.

In general, the level of choice and support for users has increased markedly over recent years. The number of international connections is growing, as is the degree of interconnection between domestic networks. The cost of membership has come down with increased competition and the availability of more sophisticated

Available network services range from a basic "wire" for carrying EDI messages to a full electronic trading package with day to day

support.
The INS-Tradanet network, op-

## Sharpen up your act

How paperless trading can save time and money and helped one shaving appliance maker to become a cut above the rest

Services, claims to be the largest in Britain. Tradanet boasts over 3,600 members across a wide range of sectors, and is recruiting new ones at a rate of about 100 a month. It recently added an electronic mail facility to its basic messaging service.

Earlier this year AT&T Istel, the UK subsidiary of AT&T, launched its pan-European managed network. Accunet. This comprises a bundle of facilities, providing simplified data communications across international borders. British Telecom is targeting EDI as a significant growth area across all sectors in the UK with its Edinet

BT has introduced a scheme for

erated by International Network certifying vendors' software packages, and plans to expand its service internationally to take in 62 countries by the end of 1994.

In the first six months of this year, EDI traffic carried by IBM's networks increased by 38 per cent. It has 1,345 registered accounts and is currently talking to AT&T with a view to providing interconnections.

Differentiating between the networks by their ability to communicate data is difficult, so the accent should be on the type of service

The full EDI package from Tradanet has an undiscounted price of just under £5,000, but a special package put together recentily for one customer came out at

a budget price of under £1.000. Some organisations may iden-tify a group of potential EDI users within their sector, and attracting the interest of a particular network is a good way to test its viability.

Another approach is to employ a consultant. Stephen Cronbach is head of the ANA's EDI consultancy unit. "There are good consultants, but some urge the solutions they would like to see, rather than studying what would meet the user's requirements," he says.

It is worth bearing in mind that if a network operator is involved. a lot of the initial consultancy work may be free. Users should not be afraid of

exploring innovatory relation-

ships. Braun UK is one of five

EDI is most effective when imaginatively applied. KEN COTTRILL

electrical appliance manufacturers

to have initiated an EDI network

that connects it to its service agents.

The agents vary from one-manbands to small companies, and some are shared by the

The new network, which is currently in its pilot stage, is being

managed by the software company Perwill, who have sub-contraded it

out to BT. The arrangement gives

the manufacturers - who subsi-

dise the network - a much-

dealers requests more efficiently.

and we can feed information like

the cost of parts to our network without re-keying the informa-tion," says Karl Uggerhold the

As for the service agents, they

receive a start up package which costs only £90 and the promise that

monthly EDI bills will not exceed

£30 for the next two years. It is a

novel approach, which shows that

financial director of Braun UK.

"It enables us to respond to

improved repair service.

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#### FINANCIAL EDI-BOOSTED BY RECOVERY PROSPECTS

# 'Paperless Trading' seen as important contributor to business efficiency

n increasing number of companies and organisations are turning to Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) as a Imeans of improving business efficiency and securing the benefits of an upturn in the economy.

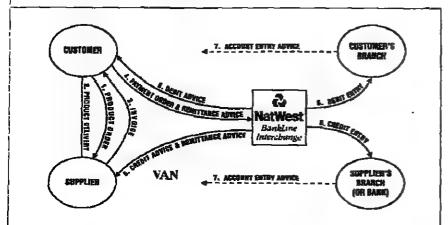
According to National Westminster Bank, financial EDI which improves the process of payments and receipts through the supply chain - is being identified by many companies as a way to improve supplier relationships for future business growth. These companies are now prioritising investment in the technology to gain competitive advantage as the national economy improves.

Some 6,500 British businesses are already involved in setting up EDI systems, and NatWest's Richard Boniface says that investment is increasing rapidly.

"Throughout the downturn, investment was effectively 'on hold', though evaluation was continuing. Now that economic prospects are improving, financial directors are recognising that improving the administration of payments is a faster and more long-term solution than restaffing. Financial EDI saves remittance processing costs and can show savings in administration costs, cutting them by 50% in some cases.

"Perhaps more importantly, though, it creates a far closer, more mutually dependent bond between companies and their suppliers - which can be invaluable in a rapidly growing marketplace where responsiveness is key".

Financial EDI is one of the core elements of the Electronic Data Interchange environment which will eventually lead to the goal of 'paperless trading'. By automating debit, credit and remittance advice and instituting simultaneous guaranteed money transfers, companies can build on improved relationships with suppliers to develop fully electronic stock



control, ordering and invoicing.

Once orders have been placed with goods received and invoices raised (either electronically or manually) a financial EDI service will despatch immediate electronic debit and credit advices to payer and supplier. The supplier gets early confirmation of the payment and all the trading data needed to reconcile the transaction. The customer's account is then debited two days later, at the same time as the supplier receives the money.

NatWest's electronic trade payment service BankLine Interchange, launched two years ago, is being used as an entry point into full EDI by a number of companies. It can be used with any of the UK's major EDI networks - INS TRADANET, AT&T Easylink and IBM's Information Exchange. The Bank's EDI Unit and independent computing services subsidiary, Centre-File Ltd, then work with clients to develop supplier goodwill and fully-integrated trading systems.

The control and efficiency aspects of financial EDI are already appealing directly to one high-profile marketplace the new 'internal market' of the NHS. At Sheffield Health Authority, for instance, NatWest is now developing the system in a drive to improve supplier relationships and, above all, cut

Working with IBM and Entity Software, NatWest has brought financial EDI into the Authority, with payments generated automatically from invoice matching. Mike Spooner, SHA's Financial Systems Manager, claims the system can save the Authority money directly.

"It makes management of our finances more efficient, so it's easier for us to take advantage of special payment terms and discounts. And because payment is more reliable, our suppliers benefit - so the trading relationships become stronger and, in fact, more flexible".

One of those suppliers is Smith & Nephew, itself in the process of developing full-scale EDI. Finance Director Nick Hildyard believes that electronic payment is a significant step

"When orders, invoices and payments are all handled

electronically, we will see the full benefits of paperless trading. This type of trading relationship, providing us with a secure and predictable method of payment, will ultimately help us to improve our own cash flow".

With stable EDI standards for finance and an inter-bank structure now in place, NatWest has invested heavily in ensuring security and audit processes for its EDI product. Meanwhile, EDI user groups and other associations are becoming actively involved in the financial side - and its implications for simplifying the notoriously bureaucratic field of international trade documentation are being widely

Says Boniface, "EDI is now becoming an unavoidable issue in both national and worldwide business. As well as the products and standards, we now have in the UK the necessary experience to develop EDI systems in virtually any trading environment, and we're seeing results in manufacturing, retailing, insurance, energy, distribution, transportation, government and the public sector. In fact, anywhere that efficient management of the supply chain is imperative, EDI and financial EDI in particular - has an essential role to play".

NatWest's BankLine Interchange system will be on display at EDI 92 at Stand No. 63 from . 6-8 October, at the International Convention Centre, Birmingham.



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# EDI, Minister

n a few years' time, examination results will not be posted by examining boards to education authorities and schools, but will be transmitted electronically. Students will get their results a day or two sooner. and there are likely to be fewer

The project is being worked on by the education department, which is probably more advanced in its use of EDI and electronic messaging than any other ministry.

The first use of EDI for education was the transmission of teachers' records from education authorities to the ministry using Dialnet, a network dedicated to education.

By July, all 117 education authorities had been linked in, and already errors in the records have been cut. Interactive enquiries on teachers' pensions and the collection of school census data are the next tasks. There is also a project for collecting electronically the statistics necessary to comply with the Parents' Charter.

Peter Gon, the head of development at the ministry's information technology de-partment, says that if the number of grant-maintained jumps from the present 250 to, say, 2,500, the collection of statistics would become impossible using manual methods.

What the ministry is doing is very different from the normal commercial uses of EDI. The public sector is spawning a whole new area of what is known as administrative EDI, in which data is transmitted between government departments and between government and the

One administrative EDI project being looked at by the Home Office is a criminal justice network, aimed at getting everybody in a trial into the right court at the right time. Messages have to pass between the police, magistrates' courts, judges, lawyers, prisons and the prosecution and probation services.

The Home Office is also

looking at the flow of traffic offence information between the police, insurance companies and the car registration office at Swansea.

At the central statistical office (CSO). Alan Hewer intends to use an Edifact message called Gesmes (General Statistical message). The transmit data for retail price

Government bureaucracy could be transformed by electronic

messaging, says Richard Sarson



Paperwork: exam results will soon be sent electronically

indices, production indices. trade figures and demograph-ic data to the international statistical offices. Mr Hewer hopes to persuade industry to submit statistical data to the CSO directly

to a computer screen, rather than by fill-ing in a Administrative EDI standards, as

present commercial ones are unsuitable. Internationally there was a danger that government departments in individual countries would invent their own messages, only to find that if they needed to exchange those

messages with their colleagues in other countries, the data would be in incompatible formats. To avoid this, two new development groups were

set up this year to start work on

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nation in the public sector, but this year the government centre for information Systems (CCTA) is being particularly active in promoting EDI among the ministries. It is also involved in European EDI

projects, such as Sosenet. CCTA will produce an EDI handbook next year, and at EDI 92 it will introduce a special interest section for gov-ernment in the EDI Association. An interest section for education has also been formed recently. This means that for the first time government as a whole is taking a part in the UK's "EDI establishment".

The public sector is moving on conventional EDI for ordering. The extra revenue makes this welcome to the network operators and software houses. After all, the defence ministry spends more than £10 billion a year, and similar amounts are involved in the procurement budgets of the National Health Service and the civil ministries.

he NHS has been trying for three years to persuade health authorities and hospitals to use EDI. The response has been patchy, but some health authorities, notably East Anglia and Sheffield. vanced EDI systems in the country. Meanwhile, two innovative

initiatives are going strong. The department of finance and personnel in Northern (reland is starting a pilot for a cataloguing system known as Choice, more advanced than any EDI application in the private sector. David Court, the project leader for the system, hopes it will be offered help of a European Commun-

ity grant. HMSO has 30 customers among government depart-ments and regional health authorities linked into its Heart (HMSO Enquiry Access and Rapid Trading) cataloguing system and aims to have 100 customers by the end of the year. Similarly, it places orders with 40 suppliers electronically, while the CCTA is studying the use of electronic payment systems for all the ministries

This has been a year when EDI has started penetrating the thinking of the public sector, but in terms of government promotion Britain has some way to go to match Holland, whose prime minister, Ruud Lubbers, is giving the main speech at the Dutch national EDI conference in November, or France, where



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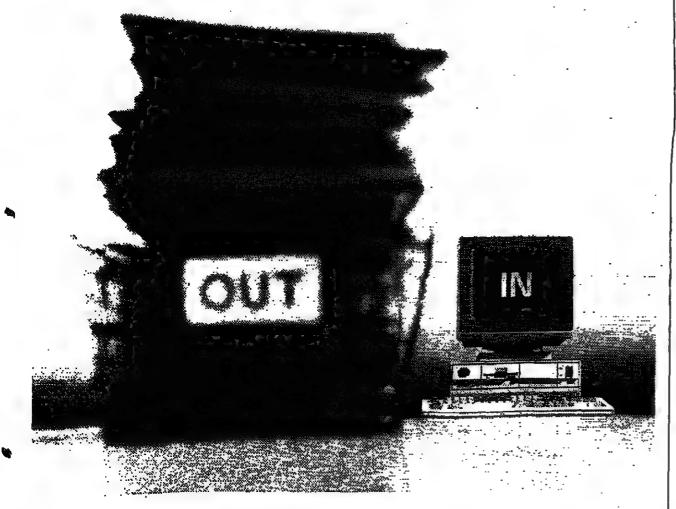
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#### **Exhibitions continue** to attract small firms

By DEREK HARRIS

SALES of space for stands at exhibitions and trade fairs could be down overall, but the Blenheim Group, an exhibition organiser specialising in highly focused shows, says attendance has been up noticeably at some events in which it have been involved. This is in spite of a proportion of companies collapsing in some sectors.

Attendance at the Networks computer exhibition at the National Exhibition Centre, Birmingham, in June, for example, was nearly 12 per cent higher at 15,500 against the year before.

What keeps companies, includ-ing many small businesses, using exhibitions, whether to sell or buy, is their performance compared with other forms of promotion according to research by the Exhibition Industry Federation. Small businesses account for about a third of all exhibitor spending.

Companies naturally rate their sales representatives as their prime marketing tool, but, after that, exhibitions are considered to be "very" or "fairly" effective by 63 per cent of exhibitors. That compares with advertising, which appealed to 52 per cent and direct mail at 42

per cent. The advantages of exhibitions are that they offer face to face contact with potential customers, the chance to handle goods and the opportunity to compare a wide

range of products at one time. The research also looked at sector cost benefit performance. Cost per

sale for engineering was found to be £215; for computing, £161; for food, £182; for marketing, £323 and for tourism, £59. Cost per "serious" contact lead in engineer-ing at one show was £63, with eight orders arising from 53 leads of that

In some sectors, such as clothing, including fashion wear, there has been a tendency to swing away from a large number of shows to a single national event. However, giftware is an example of a sector in there is still a variety of shows.

John Glanfield, hall director at

Earls Court, London, which is owned by P&O, says simple, "shell" stands give small businesses a better chance to make a debut.



'Honestly, I'd love to give you the contract but we called in the receiver this morning."

# Plucked from obscurity

By IOLA SMITH

THE manufacture of musical instruments is traditionally a central European preserve but a small Welsh business is attempting to counter German and Italian domination by handcrafting concert harps for orchestras and schools.

Although Allan Shiers' business is less than a year old, he has been making harps and training craftsmen for the past 15 years. He was a lecturer at the Wales School of Instrument Making and Repair near Cardiff, and it was only when that school closed last year that he decided to become self-employed.

"I started to work as an organ builder, but when the instruments became electronic my craft skills were no longer required. So I switched to boat-building. Eventually I discovered harp-making and became apprenticed to a Celtic harp-maker, John Thomas of Pembrokeshire, who had revived the art of making the small non-pedal folk harps for the first time in 50 years."

After learning the rudiments of Celtic harp-making, Mr Shiers decided to branch out into concert harp production. It meant considerable study but he taught himself the necessary skills, becoming Britain's only concert harpmaker. His first concert instrument was finished in 1986; a year later it was played by Marisa Robles, the

international harpist. Today, his concert harps, which take eight to ten months to com-plete, sell for about £11,000, against £25,000 charged by Ger-man manufacturers for their top-of-the-range instruments. He said:

Welsh heritage: Allan Shiers at home in Cardiff with the latest creation from his workshop

"Although I eventually hope to emulate the Germans' expertise, I am starting by aiming at the mid-market, producing the types of instruments traditionally made by the Italians, Russians, French and Japanese. This is because these are the ones sought by one of my main markets, Welsh schools.

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"The harp is of course Wales's national instrument and, as interest in Welsh culture increases, children are learning the instrument. Half of all harps imported into Britain are bought by the Welsh, and I am convinced that there is considerable untapped demand in the principality," he

Harp playing is part of rural Wales's heritage and, to be at the centre of his potential market. Mr Shiers sold his Cardiff home and used the proceeds to establish his business at a disused 19th Century

woollen mill in Dyfed. Support from the Development Board for Rural Wales helped start

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the business, and Mr Shiers is

planning to make one concert harp and at least one Celtic harp a year, while also doing some repair work. He expected most commissions would come from Wales. Some have, such as an instrument for the BBC Welsh Symphony Orchestra's harpist. But others have come from overseas and in addition to crafting new harps, he maintains instru-ments for the BBC Welsh Symphony Orchestra and the Welsh National Opera's orchestra.

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#### BRIEFINGS

SMALL business growth usually happens suddenly, making it difficult to predict tomorrow's lastgrowth businesses on the basis of current positions. This is the conclusion of a survey by the London East Training and Enter-prise Council (Letec) (Derek Harris

Letec investigated financing problems for the small growing business. Letec is keen to target efficiently its business development programme to stimulate enterprise in the boroughs of Tower Hamlets, Newham, Barking, Dagenham, Havering, Redbridge and Waltham Forest. It concluded that intermediaries like banks and venture capital providers were likely to be unable to identify potential fast-growth businesses. Yet it maintains there can be tell-tale signals, such as a change in management and moving up with premises.

☐ Parcelforce, the Post Office subsidiary, has started test marketing in eight areas which could lead to small businesses with fewer than 100 employees being able to use the full range of Parcelforce guaranteed delivery services, previously anteed delivery services, previously anteed delivery services. only available to contract holders.

The aim is to have all businesses being offered the full range by the middle of next year. Smaller businesses have been low volume users of guaranteed services but Parcelforce believes there is a growing need for them. The services are Datapost for noon next day deliv-ery, Parcelforce 24 which promises delivery at the end of next day and a two-day guaranteed service.

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#### Holland enjoys revival in fortune

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By RICHARD EVANS RACING CORRESPONDENT

A WEEK may be a long time in politics, but in racing it can make or break a season. Ask Darryll Holland.

Champion apprentice last year with 79 winners. Back among the journeyman jockeys this year, struggling to keep his head above water until last Friday.

An unexpected group success on Knifebox at Goodwood suddenly opened the floodgates and a 20-1 treble at Ayr yesterday - his first of the season - brought the winning tally to nine in the

past six racing days.
"Ever since I rode Knifebox someone high in the sky put a big hook into me at the bottom of the sea and brought me up," Holland said, somewhat colourfully, after steering Fyfield Flyer to the easiest of his three wins in the Timeform Harry Rosebery

Trophy.

The virus which swept throught Barry Hills's yard deprived him of the hardcore of his potential winners and he has had to suffer as a result.

Success is easy for any sportsmen. Fighting back from adversity is the real test, and Holland seems to be

succeeding.
"Mr Hills said it would do me good. He keeps telling me I have only been in the game two or three years and it will show me it is not as easy as it sometimes looks," Holland

"It has been a tough year. People seem to forget that the guvnor's horses have not been well. I have been trying extra hard and I am not finished by

Peter Chapple-Hyam, who knew Holland when they both worked for Hills at Manton, began the 20-year-old jockey's winning day by providing Toledo Queen for the opening EBF Hall Farm Stud Maiden Stakes — although the 7-4 on favourite loathed the soft going and scrambled home by a short head.

The revival in the fortunes of Hills was continued when Holland rode a peach of a race on Bandoline in the Bogside Cup. Holland held Bandoline up at back of the field. He began his run three furlongs from home and finally got the better of Aahsaylad in the final 25 yards.

Enjoying the conditions on the opening day of the Western meeting. Fyfield Flyer left his four rivals toiling in the day's feature race.



Holland: 20-1 treble at Ayr

#### Arazi poised for return at Longchamp

ARAZI worked over nearly a mile at Chantilly yesterday and "in principle" will run in the Prix du Prince D'Orange at Longchamp on Sunday (Richard Evans writes).

The latest bulletin on Arazi came amid conflicting rumours about the well-being of the Francois Boutin-trained colt. It would not be the greatest surprise to see him sent to Shaikh Mohammed's Daiham Hall Stud sooner rather than later.

Dr Devious is "90 per cent likely" to join Rodrigo De Triano in Gulfstream for the Breeders' Cup.

While the dual 2,000 Guineas winner is being aimed at the \$3 million Breeders' Cup Classic, Dr Devious would go for the Breeders' Cup Turf

over a mile-and-a-half. Peter Chapple-Hyam has not ruled out Rodrigo De Triano running in the Queen Elizabeth II Stakes at Ascot tomorrow week.



## Star Family Friend to shine AYR again in softer conditions

STAR Family Friend, trained by Mark Tompkins, has a good chance of winning the day's feature race, the Shadwell Stud Firth of Clyde Stakes, at Ayr today now that softer ground is guaranteed at the Scottish track.

The going was similar un-derfoot at Ripon at the end of last month when Star Family Friend won another listed race, the Bonusprint Champion Trophy, by two-and-a-half

That was a particularly praiseworthy performance as it was her first race for ten

A rest had been necessary because she had aggravated a joint when contesting the Queen Mary Stakes at Royal Ascot where she encountered her only defeat so far. In the Queen Mary, which

was contested by a host of winners and dominated by the remarkable Lyric Fantasy, Star Family Friend was far from discredited in seventh place considering that she was drawn one.

Her task now is to give 6lb away all round, with Simmering. White Shadow and Yakin all looking potential dangers.

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(£2,553: 7f) (13 runners)

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3.30 cheshires of nottingham claiming stakes (Div I: 22,385: 7f) (11)

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TRAINERS: Miss A Whitfield, 5 winners from 13 runners, 38.5%, C Melson, 13 from 38, 34.2%, P Tusk, 4 from 14, 28.6%; M Pipe, 5 from 20, 25.0%, G Moore, 3 from 14, 21.4%, W O'Sourcen, 26 from 132, 19.7%.

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3.00 ROYAL MOAT HOUSE MAIDEN GUARAN-

TEED SWEEPSTAKES (3-Y-0: £2,070: 1m) (12)

MICHAEL PHILLIPS

Simmering was in particularly good form in mid-summer. However, she should not beat White Shadow here, taking a line through Bold Seven. Yakin, who won very easily

indeed at Wolverhampton 11 days ago after being beaten by Local Heroine on her debut at Chester, carries the colours of Sheikh Hamdan Al-Highbrook, who was successful at Catterick and Yar-

mouth before acquitting herself well in better company at Goodwood and York, can initiate a double for Tompkins and her rider, Philip Robin-son, by landing the EBF Fillies Handicap, the most valuable race of its type ever run in Scotland. As far as the lolst running of the Royal Caledonian Hunt Cup Doonside Cup is con-cerned, this should go to Guilty Secret, who was run-

ner-up to Niodini in the Park

Hill Stakes at Doncaster last week, after finishing third in

the Yorkshire Oaks previously. At Newbury, I envisage John Gosden and Steve Cauthen landing a double for Shaikh Mohammed with Wolfhound (3.10) and Penibroke (3.40).

For a horse who finished close-up in fourth place in the King's Stand Stakes at Royal Ascot Wolfhound is certainly suited by the conditions of the Tony Stratton Smith Memorial Stakes and he is preferred to Artistic Reef, who was a close third in the King George Stakes at Goodwood last time.

When Gosden showed me around Stanley House stables in the spring he brought out just six of the 70 two-year-olds that he has there. Of that sextet, Bonjour, Pembroke, Marillette and Taos, the four to have run so far, have all

I was impressed by the way that Pembroke went about his business at Kempton a fortnight ago when he made a winning debut, and he is my nap to remain unbeaten by landing the Haynes, Hanson And Clark Stakes, which has gained a well-deserved reputation over the years for throwing up a decent horse.

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☐ Richard Hannon gained his first success in France yesterday when Central City ran out the convincing winner of the group 111 Prix Seine-et-Oise (6f) at Maisons-Laffitte. Amigo Menor, the other British runner, finished fifth. ☐ Jo N Jack, the horse at the centre of a police

investigation into a betting coup, was out of luck at Beverley yesterday. After landing more than £85,000 in an off-course betting coup by winning a Lingfield seller at 33-1, the four-year-old could finish only 10th in the Sandsfield Gravel Handicap.

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## 3.20 STEVE SMITH ECCLES TESTIMONIAL YEAR HANDICAP HURDLE (\$2,022: 2m 110yd) (8)

ż	12-2	SUPER MALT 16 (D.F.G.) MESS K Allego 4-10-10
3	2-41	BURN BRIDGE 18 (B.D.F.S) 44 Harmsond 6-10-9 P N
- 4	-311	TEL E THON 4 (V.D.F.G) P Jones 5-10-8 (4ea) D Leaft
5	31-3	KING WILLIAM 18 (CD,BF,F) J Spearing 7-10-7 R Duran
- 6	311-	RARPY'S DREAM 53F (D) J Barts 4-10-4 S Kelg
- 7	D36-	CAMPSEA-ASH 223 (D.F.G) F Martoy 8-10-0 A M2
		SAINT BENET 18 (CD.F) K Wingrove 4-10-0 J Lo
14 B	Hanas.	3-1 Tel E Theo, 5-1 Super Malt. 5-1 Bern Bridge, 7-1 King Wit
O-1 S	atol Be	et, 12-1 Ranky's Dream, 16-1 Campassa-Ash.

#### 3.50 OLD FLETTON CLAIMING CHASE (£1,604: 2m 110yd) (8)

345578	P4-5 D4-5 -345 205- P3-3 P-42	LOCAL MR FEL CLEANS COLONS DORWY RAFFLE	Custom IX 18 (D, NG UP 9 EL GAY 1 ALLEY LA S TOWER	ER 25 (B 8) 7 Cm 6C.F) D 6 42 (D.S) 40 18 (CC 7 18 B Ra	F,F) M Ha moren 5-1 ambillo 10 K Wingro D,BF,F,S) I domend 11	n 8-11-8 nymond 7-1 1-3 0-10-12 e 7-10-8 D Garraton 1 1-10-8	1-1-1 A B	Pow Lock Byr Irenn
3-1 Ra	des To	ME. 7-2	Local Cu	STORNEY, 4	1 Shapen	Mar. 5-1	Cleaning I	Į, į
Dome	Day Lac	1, 14-1 M	Felb, 2	0-1 others				

#### 4.20 HOL REACH HANDICAP CHASE

(£1,970: 3m) (7)
1 E3 SALAMAMOER. (DE 8 (D.F. 6) D Michelson 7-11-10 R Dominator 1-14-10 R Program 6-11-6 R Supp. 3 -221 PROPRIOS 18 (D.F. 6) I Benezus 10-11-5 M Willeams 4 (2-2 BACCAPACKER 44 (D.F. 6) 6 Empti 17-10-13 M Pper 5 15-4 MARSHALAMDER 22 (D.F. 6) 0 Sembiol 31-10-7 B Pow 6 P233 HEADIN ON 18 (D.F. 6) Mar 9 Joyles 12-10-3 T W 7 (0-4 PRYS-) UV 150 F Murphy 2-10-3 A Magni 2-1 Prophes, 7-2 Salamander Jos. 9-2 Backpacker, 5-1 Erosún Floris, 7-1 Mars lander, 8-1 Headin (Du. 16-1 Prys-Joy

#### 4.55 SPALDING NOVICES HURDLE

(£1,305; Zm סו די וטייטו (בי)
1 -111 SEA BREAKER 18 (CD.F) D Castillon 4-12-2 J Twomey 2 5-11 NORMAX LAD 18 F.51 M Mache 4-11-10 J Rail 3 5-1 WINGS OF FREEDOM 6 F) J J-Inland 4-11-4 FI Democ 4 400 HOTARN-460WELL 256 F Martin 6-11-4 A Mage 5 044 SEMBIOLE PROCESS 204 C Jones 4-10-7 D Macde 18ETTING 7-4 Sea Beatin. 9-4 Vicing Of Freedom 3-1 Mortan Lad 9-2 Note Novelt, 16-1 Sembiole Principal
Novel, 16-1 Service Princes

#### COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRANSPIS, J Lincon, 8 moment from 32 numbers, 25 GB; D Hachosson, 11 hom 47, 23 44, 7 Marphy; 14 from 61, 23 6%, S Mellor, 4 from 32, 20 FB. J Edwards, 5 from 42, 14.3%, K Wingspox, 4 kpch 32, 12.5%. JOCKEYS: 44 Period. 9 across from 41 notes, 22,0%, 6 McCourt. 5 non 53, 20,0%, D J Marphy, 17 from 63, 19,2%, Price health, 4 from 11, 19,0%, R Durancoty, 25 from 111. "8,0%, J Railran, 6 from 29, 15,4%.

# rydner ( 51%) 58

MANDARIN	THUNDERER
2.00 Guilty Secret.	2.00 Guilty Secret.
2.35 Highbrook.	2.35 Wild Applause.
3.05 Royal Diva.	3.05 Grinneli.
3.35 Star Family Friend.	3.35 Star Family Friend.
4.05 Mingus.	4.05 Jahangir.
4.35 Persian Fleece.	4.35 Ready To Draw.
5.05 Sillars Stalker.	5.05 Sillars Stalker.

RICHARD EVANS: 2.00 Percy's Girl. 3.05 GRINNELL (nap). 3.35 Simmering.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 2.35 Anghaam. 3.35 Yakin.

GOING: SOFT	DRAW: 6F, LOW NUMBERS BEST	SIS
2.00 161st RI SIDE CUP (Listed II	UNINING OF THE ROYAL CALEDONIAN HUNT CUP ace: £9,137.50: 1m 2i 192yd) (4 runners)	DOON-
1 (3) 405200 HA1 2 (2) 02-5410 LBI 3 (4) 5-05352 PE 4 (1) 6-45132 GUI	TEEL 8 (D.F.G.S) (H. Al-Makhoum) P Wahnyn 6-8-11	2270N 90

## 2.35 EBF HANDICAP

(FIII	ies 8	mares.	£10,437: 1m 2f) (12 runners)	
1	(6)	023104	TELL NO LIES 13 (D,F) (Mrs. A Johnstone) M H Easterby 5-10-0	97
2	(5)	01	ANGHAAM 27 (D,S) (H Al-Maldoum) A Stewart 3-9-2	97
3	(4)	001100	HIGHBROOK 29 (D,S) (N Cook) M Tomphins 4-9-0 P Robinson	33
4	(2)		GONG 37 (D,G) (A Okiny) P Watere 3-8-13 G Duffield	
5	(II)	25313	WHIRE 15 (G) (Lord Halles) J Fanshame 3-8-11 K Darley	93
6	(7)	0653	WILD APPLAUSE 27 (BF) (R Sangster) J Gosdes 3-8-8	94
7	(11)	0-02103	DOVALE 18 (G.S.) (Mrs. E Lambton) W Jarvis 4-8-7 R Cochrane	97
8	(3)	133-400	ZAMERAH 128 (6) (Mrs C Lilley) & Wragy 3-8-5	93
9			SWEET MIGNOMETTE 32 (F,G) (M Opdan) Mrs G Reveley 4-7-10 D Harrison (3)	
10	(10)	300101	HOURSTON'S WILL 1 (C.B.S) (M Houlston Ltd) Mrs. J Ramsden 3-8-0 (Sed P Burks	98
11			MARGS BIRL 9 (D.F.G.S) (G Stephenson) 7 Fairtures 5-7-7 J Fazonno	
12	(12)	255523	TANODA 22 (C.D.F.B.S) (M Britain) M Britain 6-7-7	91
واما	handid	cap: Marcs	Gri 7-5, Tanota 6-12	

BETTWIC: 3-1 Anghaim, 5-1 WRI Appliase, 7-1 Highbrook, Houston's Will, 8-1 Tell No Lisa, Whirl, 10-1 others. 1991: NO CORRESPONDING RACE FORM FOCUS

	Goods Own C RL 499	alteout 2): 22 penulis 11 3rd of	Miles a 6-number meiden at Rober 13/1 in a 12-num Armele Start (im 21, good) (im soft). 9 to Duke Di Eurolink in a Selection: GONG	ner claimer here yesterday
3.	<b>05</b>	LADB 23,777:	BROKE RACING NURSERY HANDICAP 60) (13 runners)	C4
1	(3)	2610	HEAVENLY RISK 20 (D,G) (Roldreits Ltd) R Hannon 8-7	Pat Eddery &5
2	(11)	4210	STLVERLOCKS 31 (F) (Miss & Dunbery) Miss S Hall 9-4	N Connecton 83
3	ns;	21	ABERGELE 55 (A Budge (Equine) List) Jimony Fitzgeraid 9-0	X Fallog 87
4	(10)	51535	CLIBURATEL NEWS 20 (D.F) (F Lancs Newspapers) M Tomp	kim 8-12 P Robinson 87
6	(0)	3523	GAPNOCK VALLEY 51 (R Aird) J Berry 8-11	J Carroli 88
8	(12)	61	ROYAL DIVA 41 (D,G) (R Ogden) Miss 5 Hall 8-7	G Hand (#3
7	(5)	1103	GRIPMELL 24 (F) (D McCure) Denys Smith 8-1	
8	(9)	452310	HOTARIA 9 (D,S) (Mrs J Richmond) R Whiteler 8-0	
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| 030660 JULET BRAVO 11 (C.P.) Oles J Hopour 8 Bassiny 7-13 | 5160 BRUNGANE 8 (D.F.) (A Robertson) M Joinston 7-11 | 5401 E86 11 (B.D.S) (D Barron Racing Clob) T Barron 7-7 (7re) | 5401 E86 11 (B.D.S) (D Barron Racing Clob) T Barron 7-7 (7re) | 41340 LUCKOTOSOME 35 (S) (P Evans) P Evano 7-7 | [ Long Narditago: Stotley Again 6-13, Luchilosome 6-11. BETTING: 5-1 Egg, 11-2 Garacet Valley, 6-1 Erinnell, Royal Draz, 8-1 Hasserby Ros. Name, 12-1 Atongole, Milingenia, 20-1 Silventocks, 25-1 Juriet Bayro, 33-7 Luckilosome EUDIN EUCHG

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VENLY RISK beni SILVERLOCKS (5to better 2)41 in a 14-runner auction makien at on attimute stan Doucaster (5t, good). ABERSELE Solocran Springs a neck in a 4-runner maken zuchweif (AW, 71, standard). PRIMEL REWYT, standard). PRIMEL REWYT, standard). ROYALE (5t, good). NOCK VALLEY 40 3rd of 11 to Lygiath in a sea at Goodwood (6t, good). ROYAL DIVA bent	Fairy Story 44 in 6-numer a maiden at Redicar (6 good). GRBMWELL 654 3rd of 5 to Normosthr in conditions agen at Porteinad (60, good to Store HOTARIA beat Perdition 2vid in a 24-numer au ton maiden at Ripon on penditionale start (61, good to soft). GBG completed double when bealing Bit Radiasce 21 in a 10-numer memory at Hydridian (6 soft). Selection: GAPPNOCK VALLEY
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	(	OUR	SE S	PECIALIST	S		
TRAINERS P Capple-Hyarn G Wagg W James Meg, J Ramesden H Thomson Jones M Prescott	Wins 9 5 4 18 7	Res 20 15 13 22 25 25 25	45.0 33.3 30.8 29.0 28.0 24.0	JOCKEYS D Holland M Roberts M Hills M Teobuts R Hills M Birch	Winners 4 9 16 4 10 24	Rides 13 38 58 17 43 136	30.8 23.7 23.5 23.5 23.5 23.5 23.5 23.5

#### 3.35 SHADWELL STUD FIRTH OF CLYDE STAKES (Listed race: 2-Y-0 fillles: £19,334: 6i) (6 runners) 1101 STAR FAMILY PRIEND 18 (D.F.(B.S.) (Sheffeld News) M Tompton 9-1 P Robinson 101848 CARRANTA 21 (D.B) (Lamb Lame Associates) B Palling 8-9 M Roberts 201 LOCAL HERCHE 28 (F) (Mrs. L. Micylen) J Berry 8-9 J Carroll 502211 SIMMERNING 20 (D.F.G) (Mrs. G Wragg) 6 Wragg 8-9 M Halls 502211 SHAMERNING 20 (D.F.G) (Mrs. G Wragg) 6 Wragg 8-9 Pat Ecotory 21 YAKON 11 (G) (H AL-Makthoum) H Thomson Jones 8-9 R Halls BETTING: 15-8 Star Family Friand, 11-4 White Shedow, 3-1 Sammenag, 5-1 Yalda, 8-1 others. 1991: MAMMA'S TOO 9-1 J Carroll (14-1) J Berry 9 ran

STAR FAMILY FRIEND best Gymeral Tiger 251 to | Greenlet 51 in an 8-extres conditions race Windsor

LOCAL HEROINE best YAKIN (same terms)     7 3 9-numer maiden at Chester (54, good to     SAMMERING completed double when besting	Partition (5), neocil.
RHANTA 3151 Seb of 7 to Love Of Silver in the ID N Prestige States at Goodwood (71, good in ). LOCAL HEROINE best YAKIN (same terms)	WHITE SHADOW neck 2nd of 14 to Falsool nussery at Newmarket (6), good) YAKIN bea

4.05 LADBROKES AYRSHIRE HANDICAP

141	J, C.	J. 11117 E	20 (Miligia)
1	(30)	06030	ARANY 13 (CD.S) (Mrs P Kairren) M Tomplans 5-10-0 S Madrey (7)
3	(161	010014	PHILIDOR 29 (D.F.G.S) (J Smith) J Eustace 3-9-12 R Cochrane
3	(13)	2-20313	ECLIPSING 16 (D.G) (J Tree) R Charlton 4-9-12
4	(6)	424110	JAHANGER 6 (D,BF,G,S) (J Ab) B Hambury 3-9-4
5	(11)	030302	TUSKY 18 (V.D.S.S) (Lord Matthews) M Carractio 4-9-4 S Monts
6	'nή	306200	WINDPOWER 16 (F) (A Sangster) J Berry 3-9-3 J Carroll
7		432004	TRAFALGAR BOY 18 (B.D.B.S) (W Armitage) J Principages 3-9-2 J Wesser (5)
8	ßi	002235	ROSEATE LODGE 7 (D.BF.F.G) (Whart Racing) R Armstrong 6-9-0 . P Robinson
9	(2)	0-24105	JUBRAN 16 (D.F.G) (Mrs E Scultion) M Naughton 6-8-11 D Holland
18	(1)	331304	JEFFERSON DAVIS 10 (F.S) (The Conlecteracy Ltd) 8 Beasley 3-8-8 6 Hind
17	(8)	0-15221	FOREVER DIAMONDS 16 (D.F.G.S) (Mrs. J. Russell) M H Easterby 5-8-8 K Darley
12	(18)	200033	HIGHLAND MAGIC 15 (G) (N Carroll) M Fetherston-Godley 4-8-7 D Harrison (3)
13	(5)		SALDA 20 (D.S) (E Thomas) R Whiteles 3-8-7 A Custome
14	Ö	460241	STAIRWAY TO HEAVEN 21 (B.D.F.S) (I. Moroney) T Barron 4-8-6 V Haliday (7)
15	(9)	223403	MARTINI EXECUTIVE TO (B,D,F) (R Jobey) B Beasley 4-8-6 S D Williams (5)
16	(15)	012221	SHAFFAAF 6 (G) (R Cave) P Evans 4-8-5
17	(12)	223222	MINGUS 9 (BF,S) (K titrekton) Mrs. J. Ramszten 5-7-12
18	m		MATTS BOY 45 (V.D.F.S) (J Harson) Miss S Hall 4-7-8.
19	(19)	0-50501	RUTH'S GAMBLE 10 (CD,G,S) (P Savie) D Chapman 4-7-8 S Wood
20	[4]		ARAGON AYR 11 (LI-Col W Monteith) P Morteith 4-7-7 L Charmock
Long	Daniel	CORC AIRCO	
			Total Control of the

BETTING: 8-1 Edigang, Mingus, Rostate Lodge, 10-1 Forever Diamonds, Johanger, Ruth's Gamble, 12-1 Shorbad. Azany, Todalgar Boy, 14-1 Philidox, 16-1 Julicas, Saida, Saarway To Hoaren, Tusky, 20-1 others. 1991: DOUBLE ENTENDRE 5-8-5 G Carter (12-1) J Aleburst 19 ran

FORM FOCUS

ANY 441 3rd of 8 to Two Left Feet in a handicap alpon on populationals start (1m. sold), with TRA-GAR BOY Came terms; 24th, Philippor 24th of 22 to Douke's a trage, to a bandicap at York, poor to firm, with SALOA 18th and ARANY of JANANGER best Green's Fermeley 3741 in an runner handicap at Sopolyocid on perulimate in 17m, good to 50th, RUSARTE LODGE 5941 5th 18 to Paracativad in a handicap at Sopolyocid 18 to Paracativad in a handicap at Sopolyocid 19 to 11 to good FUREYER DAMONUS best Brilliant 19 to 90th 19 to 11 to 90th 19 the Principle 20 to 11 to 90th 19 to 90th	good), with ECI JUBRAN (41b) HEAVEN SI 3rd claimer, here, sy Old Comrades teurs' handicap neck 2nd of 24 Doncaser (11m 5)6/f 6th to Sha (71 soft) Selection: PHI

CLESING (10) before of 1-1 July and to before of 12-15 St. STARRWAY 10 and 15-16 Mouston's Will an a 12-tonner yetterday (11) mostly SNAFFAAF bear 5 a chorf head of a 20-tonner actual all Goodwood (71, good) NAFICELS (10) to Cooling to Island in a handson of 10 a Stoya good) RUTHYS GAMBLE 11 and 12-16 Moustle 11 American of 12 Stoya good) RUTHYS GAMBLE 11 American of 12 Stoya good ROQUIR

#### 4.35 WESTERN MEETING SELLING STAKES

3-Y	-0:	£2,290:	1m 2f 192yd) (11 runners)
1	(5)	822153	REACH FOR GLORY 49 (D.BF,F) (R Wheeler) R Whitney 9-2 A Cultum
2	(6)	221254	READY TO DRAW 11 (F,S) (M M Racing Lid) Rosalo Thompson 9-2 J Lowe
3	(10)	0-05000	STAG MIGHT 125 (R Kerr) A Poets 8-11 K Fallon
4	(11)	00-0005	CLEAN SINGER 11 (Animar Cleaning Co Ltd) N Bycroft 8-6 N Connection
5	(1)	033535	HATAAL 41 (V) Liackson Construction Co Ltd) J Balding 8-6 . Claim Balding (7)
6	n	535	HOT PROSPECT 20 (Mrs P Yong) J Etherngton 8-5 M Roberts
7	(3)	242255	MILIYEL 22 (LI-Col W Montesth) P Manietth 6-6 L. Chamock
8			PERSIAN FLEECE 13 (BF) (Mass 5 Hainey) Mrs G Reveloy 8-8 A Darley
9	(P)		RUSHEEN NA CORRA (Nes M Graham) / J O'Neill 8-6
10	(6)		SHADAYLOU 11 (C Murray) Miss L Perrait 8-8
11	(4)	0-06254	SPEEDY SIOUX 24 (6 Read) C Thornion 8-6
ETT			to Dww, 3-1 Persian Fleece, 4-1 Reach For Glory, 7-1 Miliyet, Speedy Sapo., 10-1 cdv 1991: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

#### 5.05 ROYAL CALEDOMIAN HUNT HANDICAS

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(£3,	940:	2m 1f	105yd) (20 runners)	
1	(18)	350424	GREEK LANE 8 (F.S) (P Mellon)   Beiding 4-8-11	<b>in</b> (7
2	(19)	032640	MOVING OUT 18 (S) (F Salmer) M Prescots 4-9-9 6 1	delei
3	(10)	211122	BRIGGSMAID 18 (C.F.G) (F Briggs) J Eustace 4-9-4	يبدادوا
4	(7)	453/0-	HUNTED 440 (Ars & Davison) A Davison 5-9-4	Hoten
5	(17)	410420	INTRICACY 18 (G) (A Beresson) C C Estry 4-9-0	سما ا
8	(16)	6/04400-	AMBUSCAGE 280J (Mrs L Firth) Mrs G Reveley 6-8-10	Fallo
7			ARCTIC SPLEIDOUR 18 (G) (R Sangster) P Chappie Hyam 3-8-5. J Was	
8			MANGROVE MIST 11 (Couper Capital Racing) P Morseign 4-8-6 L. Cr	
9	(12)	222212	STINGRAY CITY 11 (8F,S) (P Savill) J Esterington 3-8-4	Darle
10			MR OPTIMESTIC 151J (Orion Racing) J J O'Neil 5-8-4	
11			KADARI 17 (BF,G,S) (J Rockes) A Harrison 3-8-3	
12			SILLARS STALKER 18 (S) (Silies Engineering) Mrs J Remedian 4-8-3. M. (	
13			SUPER RITCHART 233.1 (The Grader Associates) It Palting 4-8-3	
14			TOUCHBIS TIMES 41 (B.F.S) (I Monton) T Casin 4-8-3	
15			BRIDGE PLAYER 22 (D & M Lambert) D Mohatt 5-7-10 Durren Mo	
16	(11)	034000	LINPAC EXPRESS 20 (Linpac Group List) C W Essy 3-7-8	5 Woo
17	(8)	20/5-035	MONENT OF TRUTH 27J (P Montetin) P Montetin 8-7-7	P Burl
18	(5)	000-442	AIDE MEMORRE 11 (A Lyons) C Boots 3-7-7 J	
19	(13)	040342	BRUSQUE 17 (5) (Dos Enrico Inciss) E Inciss 8-7-7	ding (
20	(4)	043000	DON'T CRY 17 (Dan Errico toesa) E Incisa 4-7-7 Juid I	lousi
Long	hand	cap Mom	ant Of Truth 7-6, Aide Mercoire 7-4, Brusqua 7-4, Don't Cry 7-4	
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1991: SPPESWYCK LADY 4-8-7 Date Gibson (6-1) M Tomotins 5 ran

#### NEWBURY .... THUNDERER

2.05 Knight Of Mercy. 3,10 WOLFHOUND (nep). 3.40 Pembroke. 4.10 What Katy Did. 4.40 Brigante Di Clelo.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 3.40 PEMBROKE (nap). The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 3.10 WOLFHOUND.

GOING: GOOD DRAW: HIGH NUMBERS HAVE A SLIGHT ADVA	NTAGE UP TO 1M STRAIGHT
2.05 WINCHESTER ASSET MANAGEME	NT HANDICAP

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101	(B)	003013	KNHIGHT OF MERCY 29 (CD,F,E,S) (M Grant) H Harren B-9-10 B Raymond	1
102	(12)	310000	KAYVEE 6 (B.D.F) (J Richmond-Wasson) G Harwood 3-9-1	-
103		435002	SHATI 50 (F) (Harrosen Al-Makroum) H Thomson Jones 3-9-0 N Caristo	1
104		4-81340	MANSO MARILA 71 (D.S.S) (R Del Rosario) C Horgen 7-8-12	1
105		12-1000	VEHILLS DESERVED 29 (D.F.G) (Mrs. C Gross) H Carroly 4-8 11 Annolastia Armes (7)	-
106			BOLD HABIT 8 (D.F.E) (R Steery) 8 Beasley 7-8-8 L Piggott	1
107	47	1266	SAND TABLE 118 (D) (Lord Derby) Lord Huntengton 3-8-5 A Missro	1
108			SIR BOUDLE 8 (S) (N Witson) C Nelson 3-8-4	-
		125022	AHBAB 18 (V.D.G) (Harudan Al-Maldourn) P Walwyn 3-8-4	i
109		100000	MUDDE 10 (ATAC) (Denoted by Consent 1 4.2	i
110			HEURS 24 (D.F) (Mrs C Patring) R Simpson 4-8-2	i
111		0-52050	LA DAMA BONITA 15 (6) (C Wingle) D Arbuitmoi 3 8-2	- 3
112	(1)	4-31505	SUPERBRAVE 15 (D.F.S) (N Robertson) W Javes 6-8-1	3
113	ניח ו	9000000	CHOR PRACTICE 20 (F.G) (T Cheshire) W Hagges 5-7-12	1
114	់ពា	030060	SEMECA REST 15 (B,F) (M Gauge) 1 Balding 4-7-12	J
115		010200	BELFORT RULER 6 (D.F) (8 Guitty Uri) B Guitty 5-7-10	1
116		200326	TEMBER MOMENT 15 (D.BF.S) (R Richards) C British 4-7-7 8 Doyle (5)	1
117		022168	SUPER SERENADE 14 (D) (J Massell) G Baiding 3-7-7 Date Gibson	1
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		1	981; ICHIGHT OF MERCY 5-9-12 Pat Eddery (6-1) R Hammon 12 ran	

2.40 JOCK COLLIER MEMORIAL STAKES (2-Y-O fillies: £8,155: 7f str) (17 runners)
201 (3) 1 FORTHWITH 15 (D,S) (L Ward) R Hamon 8-13
202 (2) BAWAETH (Hamdan Al-Meldoum) B Hilts 8-8
208 (186) O BRONZE MADUETTE 15 (P Blacker) P Cole 8-8 T Quinn 75
204 (1) DESERT GERL (N. Nesser) J Fanstrane 8-8 6 Corter —
205 (15) ICTERBIA (R Sangster) P Crapple-Hjam 8-6
206 (13) D MEM 14 (R Mead) 6 Belding 8-8 C Rotter 79 207 (5) Q NATASHA MORTH 10 (G Greenwood) T Casey 8-8 F Norten —
207 (5) @ NATASHA MORTH 10 (G Greenwood) T Casey 8-8 F North -
206 (7) PRINCESS TATELIM (J Good) M Chemical N-8
209 (14) PROLID MOMENT (D Scale) R Hamon 8-6 R Partient -
210 (9) RINGLET (Shalish Mothemmed) 8 Hills 8-8
211 (17) 6 SINGER ON THE ROOF 18 LI Smith) I Balding 8-8
212 (6) SUEBOOG (Mohamed Citalda) C Britain 8-8
213 (8) SUNTARA (Shalife Mohammed) B Hills 8-8 R Street -
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# Stricken Watson showing real improvement



t will be a year this weekend since Michael Watson, the Islington a head injury in a world title contest with Chris Eubank and underwent brain surgery at St Bartholomew's hospital

That night the boxing world was plunged into a cloud of despair which, despite the unswerving faith of Watson's mother, Joan, and guarded optimism of the surgeon. Peter Hamlyn, we thought would never leave us. But now the gloom is beginning to lift. Watson is in the neurological rehabilitation unit of Homerton hospital and is showing the first signs of real recovery

Ever since he came out of a coma, 38 days after his first two emergency brain opera-tions. Watson had given Hamlyn and his team encouraging signs - recognising faces and breathing without

the ventilator (October), watching video films (November), moving right hand and leg (January), showing an interest in the world around him (July).

It was three months ago, after his fourth operation — to remove the tubes in his brain, which were helping the flow of normal fluids, and to repair a defect that had been left by previous surgery— that he began to make the kind of progress everyone was praying for. Hamlyn said: There has been quite a remarkable, surprising, recovery. He is speaking sentences rather than single words and moves limbs, both left and right arms and legs."

A couple of weeks ago, Watson surprised everyone by giving Reg Gutteridge, the commentator, an interview for Boxing News in which he joked about making

a comeback.
"It's a miracle," Watson



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**Boxing Correspondent** 

told Gutteridge. "I'm here until next March but I'm going crazy. Why? Because I want to make a comeback and there's nobody out there who can beat me." Watson talked slowly, pausing often

"I keep watching the video of Rocky III and that makes me want to come back again. I've told Eubank to bring the bett he owes me. If e says I am the champ. Next time I'll keep my hands up. It was my own fault. I've watched the fight many times." He aimed a playful punch at Gutt-eridge. "Still quick ch?" Wat-

Michael Watson now." Barry Hearn, the promoter

everything about the fight. Knows we are collecting money for him, everything. I am cautiously optimistic." Watson, who earned around £200,000 from his still a very long way to go. Really he's not quite as lively as he seems in my piece. He's improving all right, but he talks slowly. For instance he

says things like 'Hang on. I've lost my way a bit'. It took me two days to get all that out of

"He's not giving interviews. He is not ready to give

individual interviews or talk

to television but he's made

really good progress from what he was like two or three

months ago. His mother brings him his favourite food

every day. 'I do like my grub,'
he said. You can see the old

last two contests, should be financially secure when he comes out of hospital. Thanks to Hearn, who organised a charity show at Grosvenor House. Watson's friends and admirers raised £150,000, which could reach £200,000 by the time he comes home. The British Boxing Board of Control is planning a special celebrity event next spring.

bouts, said: "He's completely

aware of what's going on. He

John Morris, secretary of the board, said: "It will be a major event. We are hoping that Michael will be able to join us. For the rest of his life Michael will be helped by the board with extra income."

It has been a traumatic

year for Eubank as well, for an even crueller tragedy overtook him when he killed a driving to Gatwick airport.

Watson's mother forgave him when he went to visit the stricken boxer three days. after the fight. "It's not your fault," Mrs Watson told Eubank, "it could be you in there." But Eubank said: "It will be all right when Michael is all right." Months later Eubank said: "That September night will haunt me for the rest of my life." Recently he unburdened

himself in The Sun: "Watson is the real champion. He pasted me, and I want the world to know. He was a better man than me - by far the better man. He outlought me, he had more skill, he vred me. He won the fight." Eubank has not been able to find his old form in any of his three subsequent defences.

in Britain, Watson's case attracted the most publicity. possibly because of the hype and bad feeling that preceded his bouts with Eubank and the fact that Watson was on the point of winning the second encounter when he was knocked down by an uppercut from Eubank, who had just got up off the floor in the eleventh round. It caused the government at last to take

and doctors. It might be of some conso-lation to Watson to think that, as a result of this, his suffering may not have been

action and initiate talks be-

tween boxing administrators

in vain. The suggestions made by Hamlyn for quick action. within the first hour after a boxer is seriously injured, were adopted by the board. It could prove to be the most important decision taken in the history of boxing.

ATHLETICS

# Campbell's mother puts him on right track

FROM DAVID POWELL, ATHLETICS CORRESPONDENT

DARREN Campbell, who never really wanted to be an athlete, will continue to find himself projected as Britain's follow-up to Linlord Christie after taking the 100 metres silver medal at the world junior championships here

"It's all down to mum," Campbell said. "She always liked track and field and I never liked it. I was wanting to play football and other sports. At 16 he gave in. Now he is 19

and it looks a good decision. For Ato Boldon, of Trinidad 10.36sec, it was all down to a move from Trinidad, Before he went to the United States, he had not raced in a track meeting. "When I went back there this year for the Olympic trials, they had no idea who I was I let them know who I was by running 20.40 for the 200." he said.

Boldon performed poorly at the Olympics but here he was the fastest qualifier in each of the three rounds. In the final his pick-up from a start which was slower than Campbell's put him in a dominant position from 30 metres. Campbell chased him home in 10.46, his strong finish seeing off those who were still with him at 70 metres.

Among them was Jason Fergus, his team-mate, who finished fifth in 10.54. At the beginning of the season Fergus was not among the best juniors in Britain; he had barely set foot off the track yesterday when he was approached by a man carrying

a US scholarship offer. The silver medal did not satisfy Campbell, who "came here with gold in mind". He has another chance in the 200 metres, beginning today, but his best time of 20.89 is slower than Boldon's.

Although Boldon lives in San José, he will not run for the United States. "The US is always going to have gold medal sprinters and Trinidad has not had one since 1976 [Haseley Crawford]," he said. Crawford, not Carl Lewis, is his inspiration: "I look at his

Nicole Mitchell, of Jamaica. won the women's title and, like Boldon, dominated each round. Christie was Jamaicaborn, Merlene Ottey. Jamaieven the Jamaican bronze medal winner here, Merlene Fraser, is on a US scholarship, but Mitchell said that she would stay at home and try to be successful from there.

No British women's sprint relay team was taken to Barcelona. "Our sprinting is looking up," Donna Hoggarth said after she and Katherine Merry reached the final. That neither was happy with her position - Merry sixth, Hoggarth seventh - spoke

well for their ambition. Merry's long legs take a while to get going, and she is more suited to the 200 metres, which begins today. A medal is not too much to hope for.

For all the years she has been around (she was a junior international at 13). Merry remains among the younger team members. The youngest is Guy Bullock, 16, who broke 47 sec for the first time to reach today's 400 metres final with 46.74sec. Deon Minor, of the United States, should win but Carl Southam, of Britain, could pick up a medal.

Neil Owen ran personal bests in both rounds of the 110 metres hurdles, yesterday, 14.19 then 14.12, to reach today's final as the second



Looking for the wind: Christine Spreiter. Britain's top-ranked professional female boardsailer, was one of 72 competitors left on the beach at Brighton yesterday when winds failed to perform for the second day running at the British TBA windsurfing World Cup (Barry Pickthall writes). Spreiter, 28, ranked ninth in the

world of slalom racing, hails from Scotland but now lives close to the surf on Hawaii. She is one of 14 women competing in the British event, which has a purse of \$50,000.

British hopes of victory in the men's division lie with Nik Baker, 21, from Shoreham, who has risen rapidly to

achieve a world-ranking of tenth. After a day of frustrating calms on Wednesday, the wind picked up to 25 knots yesterday afternoon but proved too shifty for a course to be set. Today's forecast promises steadier force five winds, which should continue through to the end of the competition on Sunday.

**RUGBY UNION** 

#### England to be left as sole absentees from Hong Kong

BY DAVID HANDS, RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

ENGLAND will be the only leading rugby playing country not to take part in the Cathay Pacific-Hong Kong Bank sevens in March, unless there is a change of mind by the Rugby Football Union. Scotland, Ireland and a Weish President's VII have all chosen to participate as part of their preparations for the Rugby World Cup sevens in Edinburgh in

South Africa have confirmed their entry and will make their first appearance in Hong Kong alongside such customary visitors as Australia, New Zealand and Fiji. who have won for the last

three years. Indeed, many of the countries who play at Hong Kong's Government Stadium on March 27 and 28 will move on to the World Cup tourns ment at Murrayfield from

Meanwhile, England, announced next week, have yet to look beyond the Dubai tournament in November: "Although we don't have a traditional attitude towards sevens in this country, outside the Middlesex tournament, we could be said to be the holders," Geoff Cooke, the England manager, said, referring to England's victory in the only previous world sevens. tournament, part of the Scot-tish Rugby Union's centenary celebrations in 1973.

"It's important we make a

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preparation isn't easy. The northern-hemisphere sides will be coming out of a very demanding international season. But the only way to prepare is to play." If England do not send a team to Hong Kong, their best options may be tournaments in the United States or South Africa, but they will be at a clear disadvantage if they go to Murrayfield with no matchplay immediately behind

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Cooke appreciates the standing of the Hong Kong event, but it forms only part of his responsibilities this season. His first duty is to the full England squad's international preparations and, alongside ager of the British Isles team

40 jour New Zealand in May. Gooke, the two coaches, Ian McGeechan and Dick Best, and the four selectors will meet ber 25-26 to run through their hectic calendar, but the manager does not believe that his duties to England and to the Lions will clash.

"The great beauty of this season is that we have such a heavy programme of demanding international rugby before Christmas. I can watch Wales and Ireland, and the Barbarians, play Australia without detriment to my England role," he said.

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CYCLING

#### Kelly takes on Roche

IRELAND'S home tour, the 525-mile Nissan Classic which starts in Dublin on Wednesday, has attracted much of the cream of European professional cycling yet may finish up as a domestic five-day battle between Sean Kelly and Stephen Roche

(Peter Bryan writes). Kelly, the race winner on four occasions since it started in 1985, has not shown the form in recent months that won him the year's opening classic, the Milan-San Remo,

in March. Roche, world champion in 1989 and also winner of the tours of France and Italy that year, has never won the Nissan. For two years he has been plagued with injury but was strong enough to take a stage in the Tour de France

Hopes high at Glenalmond despite defeats

THE former Scotland rugby union captain, David Sole, pulled on a jersey again when he turned out for the old boys in a match against Glenalmond College, in

Perth. Unlike his international career, which ended with defeat in Cardiff last March, his return gave him reason to celebrate, as the old boys won

CARL Hester, who produced

the best British dressage performance at the Olympic

this weekend.

25-12. Sole was accompanied by his Edinburgh Academicals team-mate. Rod Mitchell.

It was the second game of the season for the school, which lost its first outing 53-0 to Durham, but the mood is not all gloom and doom. Tony Hill, the head of PE, said: "We have only been back for a few days and have six colours remaining from last season.

The pack looks strong and mobile and we will be working on fitness levels. This will be the key to our season."

Glenalmond are led by Duncan Robertson, from scrum half, and have Neil Campbell, a player of huge potential who has played for Scotland Under-15s, at

Fettes College, in Edin-

burgh, could be hampered by a lack of size and pace, but the prospect of a half-term tour to Hong Kong will boost team morale. Last season Fettes toured in Ulster. Robin Lang. a prop. leads the side, but there are few survivors from last season and the school kicks off its programme against Hutcheson Grammar School, from Glasgow.

#### RACING RESULTS

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2.36 (Im 7) 1. BANDOLINE () Holland, 7-4 lav. Richard Evens's resp); 2. Ashsaylad (B Rawmond -2); 3. Sarrewet (i) Darley, 100-30: ALSO RAN 6 Bigwheel 84 14th), 20 Good Hand (Sm), Err Leetth-Socal, 3X Kausar (8th), 40 Fermly Line, 8 ran Ni, 51 nk, 51, 71 8 Halts at Lamboum, 104 151 (1); 13, 51, 51, 51, 51, 51, 50 DF 124, 70 CSF 13 17 Tracest 16 51 3mm 30.81 sec. 3 10 (51), FYFIELD FLYER (0 Holland, 4-11, 2, Lord Olivier (M Tebbutt, 4-11, 3, Willishe Garrijk Ferton, 7-1) ALSO RAN 7-4 fav Night Melocy (5th, 9-2 Laurel Delight (4th) 5 ran 2::4, 4, 2 nk, P Chapple-Hyam at Meriborough Tote £3 90, £1,70, £1,90 OF £7 60 CSF, £17 09 1mm 1 44sec, DF \$7 60 CSF, \$17 09 1mm 1 445ec,
3.40 (55) 1. WE'RE ALL, GAME (P Robrson, 16-1). 2, B Grade (Claire Balding,
33-1). 3, Penny Hesset (T Lucas, 11-2).
ALSO RAN: 9-2 ray Kate-A 14m), \$ Mero
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ran 31, 51, 76, 81, 15-1 8 Morgan at Burtonron-Trent, Tote: \$29, 93, \$25, 90, \$5, 20, \$25, 20, 19,
0 DF \$2361 60 CSF \$351 74. Treast
\$22,913,27 Imm 2,29sec

4.10 (Im) I, HOULSTON'S WILL (K Fallon, 6-1), 2. Sagebrush Roller (B Raymond, 2-1 lav), 3. Stativery To Heaven (V Halikday, 11-2) ALSO RAN, 13-2 Henbury Halt, 8 Ace Reporter (6th), 10 Verdant Boy, 14 Penny Orchd, 25 Phil-Man, 33 Moronda, Syles Lane (4th), 65 Helloges, 100 Armo Dencer (5th) 12 ran 15-1, 35-1, 4, sh hd, 35-1, Mr. J. Pameden at Threk, Tote 87-60; 62-10, 51-50, 51-70, DF, 45-90 CSF-518-75, Immi 46 82-90.

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5.10 (7) 1, SHARPALTO (5 Darley, 6-1); 2, lideshaf (8 Raymond, 11-2); 3, Teamargo (G Duffield, 12-1); ALSO RAN; 5 fav Cool Lufe (4th), 11-2 Veloce (5th), 7 Ruth; Gamble (6th), 12 Royal Grt. 14 Languedoc. Sir Arthur Hobbs, 16 Devon Darcer, 20 Spenish Ream, Ac; 01 Union, 200 Jane's Brave Boy, 13 ran; 15-1 hd, 25 nh; 15th Mis G Reveley at Safiburn Tote 67 80, 63-40, 02-20, 62-80 DF, 540-20, CSF: 535-82 Tricast 6350.87 Irina 32,1159c Placapot: £44,80.

Going: good to lime 2.10 1, Sooty Swift (M Roberts, 5-2 g-last). 2, Blue Tess (7-2), 3, Idenses (33-1) Sags 5-2 g-law, 11 ran. 314, 274, C Britann Tole. 52.50; C 1.30, C 1.60, C 3.60 DF, C 3.60, C SF, C 10.95.

2.40 (61 Jyd) 1. Rainbow Fleet (M Mils., 7-2 lav); 2. Face The Future (14-1); 3. Ayr Raider (5-1) 10 ren NR Cromer's Express Sh hd, 61 D Marks Tota: £5 10; £1 90, £2 90, £1.90 DF £34 00 CSF: £45.85 Tricast: £224 47

8-10 (Im 3yd) 1, Almentzar (Paul Eddery, 8-11 lan), 2, Dragon's Teeth (19-1), 3, Marros Mil (5-1), 8 gan, NRT Parmar, Nr., 354, M Sloute, Tote, 5:180, 51.10, 52.20, 51.50, DF, 55.80, CSF 58.40 3.40 (2m 2f 5)yd) 1, Receptionist (W Ryan, 5-2 lav); 2, Cabochon (11-4), 3, Two And Sopence (11-4) 5 ran, 31 35; H Ceal, Toter E2 80, £1 90, £2 00, DF £4 80 CSF £8.95

4.10 (1m 2f 21yd) 1, Fermoy (L Deton. 10-11 favi. 2, Katekana (9-4); 3, Ardisia (3-1) 3 ran 294 nk L Cumani Tole. £1.90. DF. £1 90. CSF: £2.95. 4.40 (Im 3yd) 1, Hawi (R Hus, 18-1), 2, Oure The King (3-1) 3, Expo Mondial (7-1) Persansky 94 lav 7 ran Nk, 2, A Scotl. Tote E17.60: £7.50, £2.10 DF, £19.70 CSF £59.43

Going: good to fam 2:30 (5i) 1, Preconic (Dean McKeown, 5-1). 2, Banharm Cotege (5-2); 3, The Right Time (16-1), Clarrock 4 law, 17 ran, NF; Santglis, 3h hd, 3l, M Johnston, Tote 25-50; C1-70, 22-70, 64-40, DF; £11-30 CSF 22.70, (24.40, 15; 171.30, 1257; E29 83. 3.00 (1m. 31.216); d. 1, First Bid (J. Fenning, 6-1); 2. Esbopen (6-1); 3, Much Sought Alter (11-2) Snoom (size 9-2) izv. 9 rsn. No. 101 F. Whizafer, Tote: 25.10; E3.00, 122.10. £1.50. DF £28.70 (CSF: £39.81, Tricesti £192.95 Alter a stewarda' enquity, result soort

C192.95 After a stewarder enquiry, result stood
3-30 (71 100yd) 1, En Atlandant (J Red. 5-1 km, 2, Causley (6-1), 3, Cee-Jay-Ay (13-2), 11 am, 5, 1-k, 8 hanbury 10te, 64 70; C1.80, C2.00, E2.80, DF: C11 60 CSF. C22 B1 Traces (180 46, 400 (Jm 1207yd) 1, No Corresponds (J Weaver, 8-1), 2, Rival Bid (4-1 km); 3, Aself (14-1), 4, Sincter Lad (15-2), Br ren 254, 34, E Alston, Tote C8.40, E2.20, C1.80, C3.50, C180, DF: C18.70, CSF: C40.08. Troast C42 41
4.30 (50 1, Pine Ridge Lad (Dean McKeown, 5-1), 2, Salante (5-4 km); 3, Musical Times (25-1), 10 ren Hd, W. M. Johnson, Tote, 2(0.00, £2-60), C1.10, C7.30 DF: S7 0 CSF, E12.64
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£483 45
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12-1); 2, Staticap (5-1); 3, The institute Boy
(20-1) Palacapate Prince 7-2 kb. 14 ran,
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64 80, 51.70, 5730. DF: \$108.70. CSF-586 62 3. (2m) 1, Junisio (N Home. 20-1): 2. Silvan Words (7-1): 3, Go South (12-1). Ideal Candidate 2-5 lav. 8 ran. 14, nk. Mrs. B Warmty Tote: 21.50: 23.20, £7.70, £2.30 OF £29.80 CSF. £135.54 Tricast. £1.589.02.

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4.46 (3m 110yd hdie) 1, Boreen Jean (D
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to the championships. Wilfrid Bechtolsheimer, to have more time to train other riders. Two days later, he asked to have his job back and

**EQUESTRIANISM** 

#### Unsettled Hester seeks repeat

who narrowly failed to qualify for the individual Olympic

Games, on Giorgione, will attempt to put a troubling years getting the difficult Virtu to this level, may be riding the week behind him as he looks to repeat his dominance in the horse for the last time this Shell Gas national dressage championships at Goodwood Hester, whose main rival for

the national title will be another Olympic team member, Emile Faurie, on Virtu. has had an unsettling run-up A week ago he decided to leave his Gloucestershirebased trainer and mentor.

was given a "second chance". "I had never really wanted to leave - I was just reluctant to commit myself to another two years without having time to think it through," Hester, 25, said yesterday.

On Sunday, he and Giorgione, who were sixteenth in Barcelona, will renew their

By JENNY MACARTHUR rivalry with Faurie and Virtu,

competition. Faurie, who has spent three

weekend and would love to bow out as champion. "He's for sale, which is devastating - but his owner's a businessman and that's life."

and the second s

Nolan: leads international field for Tetbury trials

Other leading contenders for the title are the two other Olympic team members: Lau-

year's champions, and Carol Parsons, with Vashkar. Jennie Loriston-Clarke and Dutch Gold, who were left out of the Olympic team, are notable absentees. The 16year-old stallion has been withdrawn after suffering

ra Fry, and Quarryman, last

from a poisoned foot. The new sponsorship of Shell Gas has given these championships a timely facelift. A record number of 200 horses have qualified for

the seven classes. ☐ Pippa Nolan, the national champion, heads a powerful entry for the James Waters Tetbury horse trials, which take place this weekend. The trials host the British intermediate championships, as well as an advanced class and several novice sections. Also competing are Virginia Leng, Rodney Powell and Andrew Nicholson, the Olympic team silver medal-winner from New

Zealand

#### FIXTURES

Barclays League First division Third division Doncaster v Lincoln . ..

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STONES BITTER CHAMPIONSHIP: First division: that v Warmgion (7:30).
YOUNGERS ALLIANCE (7:30): First division: Castleford v St Holans. Hall for v Leads. Wigan v Walsefeld. Second division: Ryedale v Huddersfield. Swinton v Brantley.
YORKSHIRE SENIOR COMPETITION: Prefiningry round. Hallax v Doncaster (7:30).

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FRANK Williams yesterday shed more light on why Nigel Mansell did not accept to drive for his team in 1993. Speaking while 400 or so readers of The Sun were demonstrating their support for Mansell outside the factory gates, Williams explained why he had to haive his offer to the new world champion after the

major problem with two sponsors. One wanted to cut its involvement by 75 per cent while the other was refusing to negotiate with the team. We are talking £10 million. I had no option.

This incident was mentioned by Mansell at his Monza press conference, though he later blamed Ayrton Senna for causing Williams to halve the offer. The team owner said that he had put to Mansell a high offer in April this year, then a higher one in August. Then

thinking. But on the Saturday at

comfortable and embar-rassed" that it had all ended as

Some sponsors have talked to Williams about the loss of the world champion, and of Riccardo Patrese, as the Italian, who has committed to Benetton, is a popular driver with the sponsors.

in one go.

Meanwhile The Sun's Page

MOTOR RACING Williams **blames** sponsor trouble By Norman Howell Hungarian grand prix.
"I quite suddenly had a came the cut.

"I must admit that maybe I was at fault in not keeping the communication avenues open with Nigel between Hungary and Monza. But my attention was focused on getting money for next year." Williams said. Williams has always mainrained that the survival of the team is paramount in his

Monza, Mansell was offered more money, and on Sunday morning, before the press conference, he was offered more. The final public offer in front of the world's media is thought to have been prompted by Renault, who were, just like Williams, very keen to keep Mansell. Williams said he was "un-

Williams would not comment on the subject of his future drivers. Despite press reports to the contrary, it is by no means certain that Martin Brundle will be driving alongside Alain Prost next year. The nounced next Wednesday, but Williams did say he preferred to present the whole new team

Three girls were trying to whip up a little enthusiasm from the crowd of banner-waving readers, some of whom had been bussed in from London.

Nobody knew where Mansell was. Still looking for space to sort his thoughts out, though it seems ever more likely that he will go to Indy Car racing.

RUGBY LEAGUE

#### Simmons ready to take Hull to new heights

HULL are experiencing their most successful start to a season in a decade under the inspirational coaching eye of

Boulevard a coaching novice, but a playing legend at Penrith, whom he captained in the Winfield Cup for eight seasons, and where he has two stands named after him. Victories at Wigan and at home to Hull Kingston Rovers and Bradford Northern has quickly earned him the respect of a

After spells at the helm by the experienced Brian Smith and Noel Cleal, Simmons's appointment was seen as a gamble which is now paying

Tour match in danger

to put pressure on SARFU to reverse its stance and the

porters Association has appealed to Leeds City Council

SPORT IN BRIEF

#### Hill edges into final of singles

Graham Pilbrow of Epsom in the final of the Woolwich Worthing open bowls tournament singles today. Both won 21-20 in the semi-finals yesterday. Hill after leading Joe Stevens, of Epsom Park, 20-14 and Pilbrow after trailing 9-17 against Keith Webbon, also of Epsom Park

at this tournament, reached the triples final with a 23-14 win over another former inter-Line, Dorian Bishop and John shire, play Trevor Browne, Doug Whetstone and Gerry Bridger, from Sussex, today.

Golf: George Walker OBE. president of the English Golf Union in 1975, has died aged 82. A distinguished golf administrator, he was twice president of Middlesex and twice chairman of the south east counties. He also chaired the EGU's financial committee and for many years was a member of its executive

☐ Simon Wilkinson, 26, last night pulled out of the Welsh team for the amateur home international championship at Prestwick. Scotland, next week to concentrate on his professional career. He will be replaced by the former Welsh Open stroke-play champion, Gary Houston, of Flint.

#### LeMond turns

times winner of the Tour de France, is to go on riding for two more years but with a new sponsor. The French insurance group, GAN, has taken over his team after the withdrawal of Z, the clothes manufacturer, with whom the American signed a record \$5.5 million contract three years ago. "I'll be paid according to my performance in the Tour de France. It is better like this, especially after my poor season," he said.

#### Collision course

Athletics: Mary Decker Slaney, of the United States, will race South Africa's Zola Budd Pieterse in the Sydney Mile next month, their first meeting in a significant international race since the 3,000 metres race in which they collided during the 1984 Olympics in Los Angeles.

#### Games doubt

Olympic Games: Berlin's chances of staging the 2000 Games are being damaged by neo-Nazi violence in eastern Germany, according to the organisation co-ordinating the city's bid.

Moorsel, of Holland, finished two minutes clear of her nearest rivals to take the lead after the eighth stage of the European Community women's tour in Isola, Italy, yesterday. The overnight leader. Natalja Olsevskaja, of Lithuania, slipped to thirteenth place overall after finishing down

# Clubs give mandate to Parry to bring rebels into the fold

Premier League addresses divisions

RICK Parry, chief executive of the Premier League, has been given a mandate to bring harmony among the 22 club chairmen. After a three-hour meeting of 14 of the 22 clubs in London yesterday, called by Terry Venables, the Totten-ham Hotspur chief executive and co-owner, a statement was issued regretting the need for

a meeting. The statement added: "The clubs look to the executive to resolve the present situation. The clubs totally support the executive in such actions as they deem necessary and re-main totally committed to the

Parry, chairman of the

BY DENNIS SIGNY out after eight clubs had blocked a £13 million sponsorship deal with Bass the brewers, will try to act as peacemaker.

The 14 clubs were incensed when Queens Park Rangers joined the so-called "Platinum Seven" Arsenal, Liverpool, Manchester United, Everton, Leeds United, Aston Villa and Nottingham Forest to block the title sponsorship in the name of Carling Black Label.

The background to yester-day's meeting was that the eight clubs have signed a separate deal worth £3.6 mil-lion for perimeter advertising while the Bass sponsorship has now been withdrawn and, according to Parry, is unlikely to return for this season. The 14 clubs feel that the eight

valuation and, when the two

respective club presidents at-tended a European cup match on Wednesday in Valencia, they did not, it seems, contin-

ue negotiations. Maradona

added he would not wait for

the outcome of talks due to be

held between Napoli and Sevi-

lla officials in Switzerland on

Monday. However, it is likely

the announcement might be only a threat aimed at speed-

ing up the transfer. Maradona

has threatened to retire before,

but he has worked hard to-

wards a return to full-time

ian club, are to complain to

Uefa after Slovakian police

allegedly attacked supporters

during their European Cup

match with Slovan Bratislava

Ferencearos, the Hungar-

vantage the majority and act against the principles of the Premier League.

While angry words have been spoken by the opposing factions, and High Court confrontation is possible, Parry's task is to remove the divisions and effect a voting system with at least 17 of the clubs on the same wavelength. The next meeting is likely to involve representatives of the 14 clubs and the eight.
Meanwhile, Tottenham an-

nounced a £2.6 million profit for last year — excluding £5.5 million from the summer sale of Paul Gascoigne.

While Spurs struggle on the pitch, there has been improvement off it with the club now back in the black only 18 months after it was teetering on the brink with reported debts of up to £20 million.

Since the takeover by Alan Sugar, of Amstrad computers, and Venables last year, the club's fortunes have improved

drastically.
They cut debts to £1.78 million last year and are now showing a £2.659 million Sugar said today that Gas-

coigne's transfer to the Italian club, Lazio, will boost results for the present financial year, as he unveiled the latest Spurs have bought new

players since selling Gas-coigne, Gary Lineker and Paul Stewart. Teddy Sheringham was signed for £2.1m last month and Portsmouth's Darren Anderton cost £1.7 million.

But the dub has made a poor start to the season and languishes near the bottom of the table. Sugar appealed for time to let the players settle in. Under the leadership of Terry Venables, we feel the team has tremendous potential," he

looked in all the way but finished five feet behind the hole. Instead, she had her fourth successive birdle in a round of 69. Scotland's Pam Wright. playing in her first European tournament of the season. had a less happy time. She struggled to a 78 but re-mained philosophical and reiterated her decision to play in the Weetabix women's British Open at Woburn next

Healthy

only to be

expected

MUD baths and massage are the stock-in-trade of the spa area around Frassanelle.

where Laura Davies purred to the front in the BMW

Italian women's Open yester-

day with a first round of 66,

At present, Davies and her

game are in no need of cures

for she bettered par for the

twelfth time in a row and

moved to 74 under par for the

28 rounds she has played in

La Davies dropped two

shots, at the 3rd and 18th,

but eight birdies, four in each

half, more than compensated.

in second place, on five under, with Laurette Maritz,

of South Africa, and Karine

Espinasse, of France, a shot

Hill, whose father-in-law

Jimmy is now nearly as well known for exposing his feet

as for airing his opinions, reckoned a foot massage was

at the base of her success.

"Every time I have one I play well," she claimed.

The massage expert this week is Natasha Maritz, who

also worked her magic on her

sister and on Espinasse, who came home in 32, four under

The highlight of Hill's round was an eagle two at the third, where she holed "a lazy

eight-iron" from 111 yards,

the first time she had ever

She has never had a hole-

in-one either but at the 15th that looked like changing as another little eight-iron

covered the stick all the way. Hill started kissing the club

in gratitude - a BMW 850.

valued at £63,000, is on offer

at the 138-yard hole, the

shortest on the course - but

the ball ended ten feet away

and Hill had to settle for a

Corinne Dibnah, the de-

fending champion, came

even closer with a wedge that

sunk a full shot, she said.

Jane Hill, of Zimbabwe, is

Europe this season.

further back

six under par.

scoring

exemption from the US tour, which means a fine of \$10,000. "I'm looking at it as a mighty big entry fee," she

Raid.

LEADING FIRST-ROUND SCORES (GB and Ireland unless stated): 65: 1. Deves. 67: J Hill (Zhri). 58: X Expresses (Fr), L Martz (SA). 69: C Dibneh (Aus.), D Dowlang, V Michaud (Fr), 70: J Armold (NZ), L-A Mills (US), C Haimersson (Swe), H Dobson, L Fairclough 71: S Gnoraberg (Swe), X Wursch (SO), M Luran (Aus.), S Choce (II), S Eliott, S Nicolan, J Germs (SA), L Hacdney, 72: K Douglas, S Moon (US), D Pard, C Soules (Fr), C Nismark (Swe), LI Wen-Lin (Ta), H kuch (Swe), A Shapoott, M Burstrom (Swe), E Smith, M Buro (Swe), 72: S Dutag, B New, S Van Wyk (SA), A Jones (Aus.), H Waddworth.

73: B Franklin (Can), F Minoza (Phil), W Grady (Aus), G Norman (Aus) 74: Chen Tze-ming (Tawan), G Mersh (Aus), 75: B Jones (Aus), R Gibson (Can), B Hughes (Aus), R Gibgan (Aus), G Hjeristad (Swe) 76: T Hamilton (US), Lim Janhan (S Kor) 77: W Smith (Aus)

SNOOKER

TENNIS



## Europeans feel confident

By a Special Correspondent

THE Johnnie Walker PGA Cup match, the club professionals' version of the Ryder Cup, begins today at the K Club, County Kildare, with the European team convinced defeats in the biennial contest

dating back to 1984. This version of the trans-Atlantic challenge may lack the profile afforded to its bigger brother, yet Pat Rielly, the American team captain, said yesterday: "This competition is more what I think Samuel Ryder intended the

Ryder Cup to be." The camaraderie displayed thus far by the combatants should continue throughout the three-day competition.

which adheres loosely to the Ryder Cup format of morning foursomes, afternoon fourball for two days before concluding with ten singles ties on Sunday.

hold a 9-4 lead in the series, with two ties, the European team boasts greater experience of the event, with five count for much.

They are further boosted by

the return to fitness of Russell Weir, who managed three points from a possible five at Kiawah Island two years ago. during a record 19-7 win by

players having previously appeared, to two Americans. That, they are hoping, will

the Americans. Only a year

spots. Simmons has decided to

rest Lee Jackson, the Great

Britain forward, for tonight's

satellite televised match, and

has called up Mike Dixon at

Warrington, who won 32-6 on their last visit to Hull in January, will be without Kelly

Shelford, the New Zealand

international, who has been

ruled out for three weeks with

a broken hand, but are com-

pensated by the return after a

fortnight's absence of Bob

Jackson, their Australian

yesterday rejected an appeal by David Watson, the new

Bradford Northern stand-off

half, against a three-month

The Rugby Football League

Chillas in today's anchor four-

CTILLIES In:
SOTTIES tile.
DRAW (Europe names first) Foundames: D
Jones and P Cowen v T Wargo and M San
Rippo, C Hell and N Job v S Venato and M
Schuchart: J Hoskison and C Maltman v L
Clibert and B Borowicz: R Wer and J Challas v B Upper and G Reger.

☐ Pat Morgan, 57, the mid

after shattering his left leg, he

has been paired with John

Wales champion and a steady four-handicapper, leads the field at the halfway stage of the Welsh womens' seniors championship at Cardigan. Morgan, treasurer of the tiny St Giles Club at Newtown, returned an 83, despite threeputting five times, for a twostroke advantage over the 1990 champion, Liz Higgs,

and Shirley Evans, of Royal Porthcawl.

By Christopher Irvine force some positional weak

hooker.

captain.

the Australian newcomer, Royce Simmons. A fourth win at home to Warrington tonight would give his side an early lead in the Stones Bitter championship.
Simmons arrived at the

SNOOKER

SLACKPOOL: Embassy world championship: Second round (England unless 
stated). A Foosit bt S Cal. 10-9. N Dyson bt 
A Bolsover, 10-7: M Flowerdeaw bt D Cuest, 
10-7. O King bt T Shaw, 10-9, S Longworth 
bt S Lemmens (Bell, 10-6; R Foosit (Eng) bt 
S Gai (Eng), 10-9. N Dyson (Eng), bt A 
Bolsover (Eng), 10-7: O King (Eng) bt D 
Causs (Eng), 10-9. S Longworth (Eng) bt 
S Lemmens (Bell, 10-9, K Broughton (Eng) bt 
S Lemmens (Bell, 10-9, K Broughton (Eng) bt 
E Henderson (Scon), 10-8, D Harrott (Eng) 
bt A Hamilton (Eng), 10-7; A Higgers (N Ire) 
bt M MacLeod (Scon), 10-9, N Tend (Eng) bt 
J Smith (Eng), 10-7; J Grech (Maha) bt P 
Lines (Eng), 10-7; M Rowing (Eng) bt C 
Kites (Eng), 10-6; S Duggan (Eng) bt A 
Camts (Eng), 10-6; S Mellish (Eng) bt K 
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Burrows (Eng), 10-8; S Mellish RUGBY UNION TOUR MATCH: Porthypool 45, Ontario 16. SCHOOLS: Bryanston 0, Portsmouth GS 24; Durham 123, Dama Allant's 0; Exister 5, Kerly College 15; King's Tearton 23, King's, Bauson 5; Morecambe HS 0, Stoyhurst 90; Oskham 48, Workson 0, Truro 58, St. Austell 0; Windson 21, Desborough 0.

sceptical Hull public. HOMEFIRE LEAGUE: First division: Poole 65, Ipsweh 25: Oxford 45, Balle Via 45. DON TRENT TROPHY: Second leg: Long Eaton 48, Shelfield 42 (Shelfield win 19-85

The forthcoming arrival from Australia of James Grant

ATP RANKINGS: 1, S Edberg (Sme), 3,577, pts; 2, J Courner (US), 3,574; 3, P Sampras (US), 3,442; 4, M Chang (US), 2,442, 5, G harnseve (Creates), 2,103, 6, A Agassi (US), 2,067; 7, P Kords (CJ), 2,066; 8, B Becker (Ger), 1,944; 9, I Lendi (US), 1,867; 10, W Ferners (SA), 1,806 Money witners: 1, Courner, \$1,550,045, 2, Edberg, \$1,357,029, 2, Sampras, \$1,131,372, 4, Agassi, \$1,000,484; 5, Kords, \$793,823; 6, Chang, \$754,597; 7, harnsene, \$708,371; 8, M Sach (Ger), \$528,976, 9, Ferners, \$255,560; 10, E Sancher (Sp), \$574,248 South African rugby union SSS.560: 10. E Sanchez (Sp), 8574,248
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Graf (Ger), 3. G Sabetin (Arg); 4. M
Neurationa (US), 5. A Sanchez-Vicano (Sp);
6. M.J.Fernandez (US); 7. J Caprain (US); 8.
C Martinet (Sp); 9. M Matiena-Pragnate
(Sartz); 10. A Huber (Ger), Money winners;
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S1,083,155, 3. Graf ST, 1088,265, 4. Sebetini SE24,065; 5. N. Zivereva (CIS), S519; 140;
6. M.J. Fernandez, S433, CS3, 7. Neurationa,
S403,232, 9. G Fentandez (US), \$401,137;
9. J. Novoma (Cz), S344,934; 10, Martinez
S543,613 team and the North of England at Elland Road, Leeds. on November 10 has come under threat because the South African Rugby Football Union (\$ARFU) has banned players from involvement in

#### they pleaded guilty to a brawl during the first match of the and Ivan Henjak, should rein- season.

contractual obligation.

#### suspension until November 1 for smoking cannabis. The authority also fined the third division sides Hunslet and

THE match between the

amateur rugby league. The Rugby League Sup-

authority could stop the game being played on its ground. The council insisted yesterday that the match remained on, while it was weighing its response and clarifying its

## Cycling: Greg LeMond, three Jack Hill, of Southwick, plays

Peter Line, a familiar figure

Mackney, all from Hamp-

#### George Walker

Whitehaven £500 each after committee.

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principles upon which the league was established."

meeting, which was called after Ron Noades, the Crystal Palace chairman, lead a walk-

**Impatient Maradona** threatens to retire

PERHAPS it was a negotiat-ing ploy, perhaps he meant it, but yesterday Diego Mara-dona announced his retirement from professional football. Frustrated with the delay in his proposed transfer from Napoli, his Italian club, to Sevilla, Maradona told bemused reporters in Spain that he planned to return to his native Argentina

"The decision has been made," Maradona said. "I'm sorry for me because I had an enormous desire to play. Everything is going so slowly and I am not going to wait." Maradona arrived in Spain

last weekend to complete a move to Sevilla. However, an offer of £2.5 million from the Spanish club on Tuesday did not match Napoli's £5 million WEDNESDRY'S LATEREST

EUROPEAN CUP: First round, first leg: Gentoran 0, Marsades 5; Rangers 2, Lyngov (Den) 0. ViB Studgart 3, Lucch Unsted 0, Maccash Tel Asiv 0, FC Bruges (Bot) 1, Storan Braistava (Cc) 4, Feronoviros (Fruit) 1, Lech Poznan (Cr) 6, 2, Skorto Paga (Lat) 0, Austria Wien 3, CSKA Soha (Bul) 1, FC Son (Switz) 4, Tavita Santierapor (Uso) 1, FC Bondon (Hol) 6, Zaigore Vilnius (Lit) 0, IFK Gotherburg (Swei 2, Bosikias (Lit) 0, IFK Gotherburg (Swei 2, Bosikias (Urp) 1, Vikingur (Den) 1, Dinamo Buchaziest 0, AEK Atheris 1, Apod Niccota (Orp) 1, Vikingur (Den) 1, Viking Stavannje (Nori 0, US Lucernbourg 1, FC Porto (Port 4; AC Mésin 4, Olimpia Ljublijana (Sic) (Sio) 0
EUROPEAN CUP WINNERS' CUP: First round, first leg: Bohornson 0. Steasa Rucharest 0; Cardid City 1, Admird Wacker (Austrial) 1, Linespool 6, Apolton Limeseol (Cyp) 1. Trabzonspoor (Lin 2. Turun Patioseum (Fin) 0, Levele Solia (Bul) 2. Lucerre 1, Merdoz Legnica (Fol) 0. Alfetico Madrid 3. Spartak Moscow 0. Avente Beoggen (List) 0, Parmii (8) 1. Lispool Feduch Tilora (8) 0. Parmii (8) 1. Uipesti Toma Egyleti (Huri) 0.

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Glue fails

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**Stilemans** 

IN THE continuation of the

Guards Club's Autumn League yesterday, Chop 'n'

Santa defeated Stilemans (re-

pained of the ceived 1/2) by six goals to 3/2.
Palmera beat Art Scene (received ½) S-5/2, and
Bethungra Park (received ½)
beat Lambourne, 7/2-3 (John

The forceful combination of

Chop 'n' Santa's Horacio Fer-

nandez-Liorente and his No 2.

Michael Amoore, was decisive

in the first match. Having overtaken Stilemans's handi-

cap advantage in the first

chukka, they never lost their

lead. Stilemans's tally was

annibuted entirely to penalty

conversions from the mallet of

their accurate, long-hitting

The duo formed by Roddy

Wood and Howard Hipwood

gave Palmera the upper hand

for their encounter with Art

Scene. But Art Scene, having

already secured their place in

Sunday's final, were perhaps

saving their ponies and them-

selves for the big match, for

which their opponents will be

Saracens. Palmera will com-

pete for the subsidiary final

POTROTTOW.
CHOP TV SANTA: 1, B Morrison (2) 2, M
Antore (4): 3, H Ferrandoz-Lorente (7),
tests: W Band Elsen (1)
STREMARS: 1, J Morrisv (6) 2, R Graham
14), 3, M Gun (5): back W Healby (3)
FALMERA: 1, J Dules (1), 2, R Wood (5), 3,
H Howcod (9), back Sheath Alhamman (0),
ART SCENE: 1, B Hooke (1), 2, R Ducos
(5): 3, P Alarin-Marena (5), back W Heal
(3): 3, P Alarin-Marena (5), back W Heal
(3): 4, R Ducos
(3): 5, R Marin-Marena (5), back W Heal

- (3) SETHUNGRA PARK: 1, C Murphy (0); 2, P Namdon (3); 3, O Etts (5); back: l'Eggar (4); LAMBOURINE: 1, J Senbrook (1); 2, R Pardo (6); 3, A Pariott (5); back: K Ohillon (3)

No 3, Martin Glue.

Watson writes).

football.

head 2. Altrinchem 0.
FA CUP: First qualifying round replays:
Bishop Auckland 5, Durham City 2; Pateries
Hawtown 0, Barnior Bindge 2; Consett 2,
Altreack 0; Belingham 2, Armstorpe Wallare

BRAZILIAN LEAGUE: Amenca/Tres Ros 2. Plamengo 2: Bossiogo/Rio de Janero 1, America/Rio de Janero 1; Campo Grande 0, Volta Redonda 0: Puminense 1, Bangu 2: Madurera 1, Itaperuna 1.

**ATHLETICS** 

SEOUL: World junior championships: Men's 10km well: 1, J Peraz (Ecu), 40min 42 669es; 2, J Multer (Pol), 40-50.82; 3, G Multer (Pol), 41-12.28, 100m; 1, A Boldon (Irin), 10 36ses; 2, D Campbel (169), 10 46; 3, T McCall (16), 10.48, Long Jumpt 1, N Chance (US), 7.89 metres; 2, R Thomas, (US), 7.84; 3, 1 Miadenov (Bul), 7.85. Discus; 1, B Miane (US), 58.28 m, 2, F Potgister (SA), 55.28; 3, M Black (C2), 54.85. Women: 100m; 1, N Mitchell (Jam), 11.30, 2, J Poetman (Holl), 11.44; 3, M Fraser (Jam), 11 49 Shott 1, Wang Yawen (Chine), 19.05m, 2 Dheng Zhiyang (Chrae), 18 03, 3, O Byns (CS), 17.20. Triple Jump; 1, A Volculi (Ger), 13 47; 2, Y Martinez (Cube), 13 42; 3, Y Govorova (UT), 13 28.

AMERICAN LEAGUE: Athletics 4, Minne-sota Twins 2, Celifornia Angele 2, Seattle Manners 1 (in 13): Chicago White Sox 9, Now York Yarkees 6; Beamnore Onoles 3, Narissa Cay Royals 0, Detroit Tigens 4, Texas Rangers 1, Cleveland Indians 8, Toronto Blue Jays 3; Boston Red Sox 2, Milwaukee Brewers 1 (in 15). NATIONAL LEAGUE: Chicago Cubs 14, Philadelphia Phillies 9, Allonia Braves 3, Chicannati Reds 2, Montreal Expos 6, Prisburgh Prites 3, S. Llous Cardinels 10, New York Mets 4, Houston Astros 3, San Francisco Glanis 1, San Diego Pedres 3, Los Angeles Dodgers 1.

BASKETBALL

TOIGO: World Bosing Council (WBC) bartamweight title: Victor Rebanales (Mex) bt Joicheo Tassuyoshi (Jap) rac 9th rd

CYCLING

day 8, Spora Luxembourg 1; Fenerbahos (Tur) 3, Bottev Plovdiv (But) 1, Vac Lizo (Hun) 1, Grompen (Hun) 0; Widzaw Lodd (Pol) 2, Emmacht Frankfurt 2; Sigma Olomouc (Cz) 1, Luxenstates Craiova 0, Panathmatics (Gr) 6, Polistimica Tiruscoma (Rom) 1, Real Madhd 1; Lokomoby Plovdiv (But) 2, Auxerte (Fr) 2; Dynamo Mescow 5, Rosenborg (Nor) 1; Por Copenhagen 5, Mildelin Patiolips (Fin) 0, GKS Kellowice (Pol) 0, Gestassasy (Tur) 0; Copenhagen 5, Mildelin Patiolips (Fin) 0, GKS Kellowice (Pol) 0, Gestassasy (Tur) 0; Cassing Salzburg 0, Ajax (Holi) 3; Grasshopper Zurich 1, Sporting Lisbon 2; FK Norrkopeng (Swe) 1, Tomno 0; Pans Salth-Germain 2, PACK Scioniles (Gr) 0; Windler Immanuck (Austria) 1, AS Roma 4, Barlica (Pol) 3, Belvedur Izola (Sio) 0, Valencia (Sp) 1, Napol 5; BARCLAYS LEAGUE: Second division:

BARCLAYS LEAGUE: Second division: Reading 3, Rotherham 1, Stoke 1, Brighton ANGLO-ITALIAN CUP: Preliminary round: Bristol Rovers 3, Southend 0; Grimsby 2, Newcastle 2; Swindon 1, Brentland 2. GAI VAUXHALL CONFERENCE: Gates-

2.
GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier division:
Bidstord 7, Dawligh 0.
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LEAGUE: Premier division: Branthem
Athlete 1, Hastead 1.
NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE:

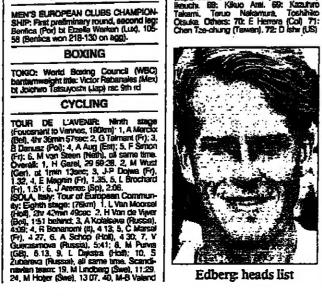
DIADORA LEAGUE: Third division: Hostnam 2. Camberley 3. BASS NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Beaup Baraugh 5. Bedopool Mechanus 0, Bradiori Park Avenue 1, Flation D: Chaddenton 4, Glossop Noth End 1. ALLERIGHT BITTER WELSH CUP: First round replays: Caerleon 3, Bindgend 0: Cardiff Committers 1, FP Ponditarlinath 0 FA YOUTH CUP: Prailminary round: Saffron Walden 4, Websech 1.

0, Lencester 2. DIADORA LEAGUE; Third division:

FOR THE RECORD (Nor), 28:14; 48, G Om (Nor), 31:21. GB team: 18, C Greenwood, 9:37, 21, S Philips, 11:33: 28, K Stafl, 17:20, Overall: 1, L Van Moorsei (Heli), 21th 54min 14sec; 2, Viver, 1:27 behind; 3, R Bonenom (R), 2:52; 4, A Kolleseva (Russai), 3:49; 5, C Mansai (Fr), 4:37; 8, L Dilestra (Heli), 5:36; 7, A Schop (Heli), 5:47; 8, V Gueresmove (Russie), 8:19:9, M Purvis (GB), 6:55; 10, M Urucuto (D, 7:03, Scendinsvian team: 20, Helijer, 13:06; 22, Lindberg, 14:22; 42, Om, 18, 45; 45, Valend, 12:24, 40, Om, 18, 45; 45, Valend, 12:24, 40, Om, Creenwood, 12:08; 34, S Philips, 41:56; 37, K Staff, 53:48.

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PGA EUROPEAN TOUR: Pre-qualitying competition: Qualifiers: Botton: 138: D Proses (Engl. 98, 67, 138: T Ryd (Swe), 71, 68, 140: 1 Spence (Engl. 72, 68: P Mayo (Wates), 72, 68, 140: 1 Spence (Engl. 72, 68: P Mayo (Wates), 72, 68: 140: 1 Spence (Engl. 72, 68: P Mayo (Wates), 73, 68; 17, 72, 68: 140: T Ryd (Swe), 73, 69; N Preston (Engl. 75, 77, 148: G On (Scot), 76, 67; J Andersson (Swe), 72, 71, J Gressen (Den), 73, 70 Ouletwaters: 138: J-M Antus (So), 68, 67, 137: C Everet (Soo), 69, 68, 141: F Roca (So), 70, 71, 142: P Simpson (Engl.), 75, 77, 177: C Everet (Soo), 76, 68: 141: F Roca (So), 70, 71, 142: P Simpson (Engl.), 73, 70, O Westermark (Swe), 71, 72: East Sussex National: 143: J Evens (Engl., 73, 70, D Watesmark (Swe), 71, 72: East Sussex National: 143: J Evens (Engl., 71, 72: East Sussex National: 143: J Evens (Engl., 71, 72: East Sussex National: 143: J Evens (Engl., 71, 72: East Sussex National: 143: J Evens (Engl., 71, 72: East Sussex National: 143: J Evens (Fingl., 71, 72: East Sussex National: 143: J Evens (Fingl., 71, 72: East Sussex National: 143: J Evens (Fingl., 71, 72: East Sussex National: 143: J Evens (Fingl., 71, 72: East Sussex National: 143: J Evens (Fingl., 71, 72: East Sussex National: 143: J Evens (Fingl., 71, 72: East Sussex (Fingl., 74, 73: 148: C Hottstetter (Fr1, 78, 71, 5 Cathertre (Fr1, 78, 71, J Cooks (Engl., 79, 70; 144: F Matrix (Fr1, 74, 74; F) East Sussex (Fr1, 74, 75; F) Hardston (Engl., 71, 71, 74; F) Luncignen (Swe), 72; G7, Hardston (Engl., 71, 71, 74; G) Johnst (Jus.) 75: 67, Hardston (Engl., 71, 71, 74; G) Johnst (Jus.) 75: 67, Hardston (Engl., 71, 72; D Sahrto Talearii. Teruo Nationaria, Tochinholo Obsuka Others: 70: E Herrera (Col) 71: Chen Tae-chung (Texuen), 72: D Ishr (US)



# Leeds buckle under their domestic burden

THE defeat of Leeds than television interference United in the European another damning indictment of the domestic system. The champions were undone not by technical inferiority, the common cause of English embarrassment on the continent, but by a lack of time in

which to prepare.
The odds were stacked against them once BSkyB had thoughtlessly chosen to cover live their Premier League fixture against Aston Villa last weekend. Instead of playing on Saturday, resting on Sunday, training on Monday, and travelling to Stuttgart on Tuesday. Leeds had to reorganise their schedule. The root of the problem.

though, lies much deeper

and, after arriving home in the early hours of yesterday morning, the Leeds manager dug it up. "Our system guar-antees that we practise mis-takes," Howard Wilkinson said. "because all we do is play and play and play."

Within the most demanding programme in the world, there is no time to work diligently on the appropriate tactics and formations required to counteract refined foreign opposition. Muscular power and stamina, the tradicharacteristics for which English teams were feared, are no longer the sufficiently overpowering assets they once were.

Wilkinson, convinced that Leeds's usual approach would he inadequate against the champions of Germany, chose to redesign his line-up. Using Batty at right back, a move employed by the England manager during the European championship tie against Sweden three months ago, he assigned defenders to mark man-for-man.

For more than an hour, his decision was vindicated but, as he said, "the last lesson you learn is the first thing you forget". Once Leeds had conceded one goal, they ignored the instructions which had so expediently been given to them and almost certainly yielded their place in the

Instead of settling for a narrow deficit which they



STUART **JONES** 

Football Correspondent

turn in the second leg. Leeds naively rushed headlong to-wards elimination. "We lost all the good habits we'd just acquired." Wilkinson said. "Suddenly, we were chasing a goal when there was no need

There can be no certainty that Leeds, some of whose players were competing in their tenth game in 32 days, would not ultimately have gone down 3-0 if their foture list was less crowded. Yet the

chances are that they would still be in more realistic contention against VfB Stuttgart.

Manchester United, held to a goalless draw by Torpedo Moscow in the Uefa Cup. have an additional difficulty. Because they have a surplus of players regarded as foreigners. Alex Ferguson, their manager, has to alter not only his ideas but his personnel.

Wilkinson, like Ferguson and Graham Taylor, is handi-

capped by a system which discourages considerate and inventive management as well as fresh and flexible play. It endangers not only England's aspirations of qualifying for the next World Cup finals, but also Leeds's hopes of successfully defending the

The loss of Cantona, who pulled a hamstring on Wednesday night and could be out for more than a month, reduces still further the dimensions of an attack already without Wallace. The likely absence of Dorigo, if only temporarily, will weaken still further a defence which has let in ten goals in the last five

Moreover, the exit door from Europe invariably leads probable against Stuttgart in a fortnight no crystal ball would be needed to foresee them pursuing the same downward path trodden a year ago by Arsenal. Once Benfica had punc-

tured the belief of the champions, they won only two of 13 games during the next three months, a sequence which effectively put them out of the running. Wilkinson admits that Leeds now face a similarly stiff test of character as well as physical endurance.

Less than 60 hours after completing the return journey from Germany, they are to step back on to the grinding treadmill against Southampton at The Dell.

Next week, they are sched-uled to be visited first by Scunthorpe United, for a distracting Coca-Cola Cup tie, and then by a resurgent Everton, before having to reapply themselves to the foreign demands of the European Cup. No wonder Johann Cruyff joined the list of respected observers who believe that England can no longer win the tournament it

once dominated. Leeds had the misfortune to be drawn initially against one of the stronger entries, but they promise to equal a record set long ago. Not since 1968, when Manchester City were removed by the Turks of Fenerbahoe, have the domestic champions fallen in the

#### Denmark international completes move

# Souness signs Piechnik to bolster defence

By IAN Ross

GRAEME Souness's deterraination to ensure that Liverpool's transition period is kept as short as possible was again underlined yesterday when Torben Piechnik, a key figure in Denmark's unexpected European championship suc-

cess in Sweden this summer, completed the formalities of a hastily arranged move from Prompted by his club's poorest start to a season in more

than 20 years, Souness agreed to pay £500,000 for a defender who is widely acknowledged as one of the most accom-Souness's decision to strengthen his erratic defence

was taken last month after his side had conceded late equalising goals in games away to Inswich Town and Leeds United, Liverpool lie fifteenth in the Premier League, having won just two

PAUL Warhurst, the Sheffield

Wednesday defender, was said to be "out of danger"

yesterday after the hornific collision that almost claimed

his life during Wednesday's

Uefa Cup meeting with Spora

Luxembourg at Hillsborough.

unconcious in an accidental

clash with the Spora goalkeep-er. Fernand Felten, and then

swallowed his tongue when he

had a fit while receiving

Warhurst - who, ironically,

scored his second and his

side's seventh goal in their 8-1

treatment on the pitch.

Name .

Warhurst, 22. was knocked

of their opening eight fortures. So determined was Sources to bring to Antield a central defender of proven ability to partner Mark Wright, the England international, that he sanctioned the sale of Dean Saunders to Aston Villa for £2.3 million to help raise the necessary funds. Yesterday, after Piechnik

had passed a medical and agreed personal terms, Souness said that he had attempted to recruit a player of similar stature from within the British game, but had been "frightened off" by the inflated

"Liverpool is obviously a very big club but even we have been frightened by some of the prices which have been quoted," Souness said, "We do seem to have a situation where players who have done very sold at inflated prices."

win as the clash happened

was taken to Sheffield's North-

ern General hospital and de-

tained overnight. Yesterday,

after undergoing a brain scan.

he was pronounced out of

Trevor Francis, the Wednes-

day manager, who had pressed Warhurst into service

as a forward for the game, said

the player had been "pretty

close to dying", and went on:

"In a situation like that, play-

ers are helpless. That is when

you depend on the profession-

als. It is very important to have

good staff around."

"He used to forget

our wedding anniversary.

I never thought

he'd forget my name."

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Warhurst recovers

The arrival of Piechnik may herald another change in Liverpool's defensive strategy. Torben is accustomed to playing within the so-called 'super-system', that is to say a defence which includes two markers and a deep-lying defender," Souness said. "He has been playing as a marker in this system, and while I am a fan of it, we shall have to see how things work out here.

"He is an experienced player who will. I am sure, be able to adapt if need be."
Piechnik will make his de-

but tomorrow against Aston Villa at Villa Park, where he will almost certainly find himself in direct opposition to Saunders. Piechnik said he was delighted to be joining Liverpool, "I did not learn of their interest until late last week but once it became clear that they were keen on buying me my mind was made up.

Piechnik was at Anfield on Wednesday for Liverpool's European Cup Winners' Cup first-round, first-leg tie against Apollon Limassol, of Cyprus, and must have been greatly encouraged by the perfor-mance of his new colleagues. Four goals by Ian Rush during the course of a comfortable 6-1 victory reduced the second leg in 12 days time to a formality, and also moved the Welsh international forward

ing Liverpool's all-time lead-Rush has now scored 284 goals for Liverpool in 498 senior appearances, compared with Roger Hunt's record aggregate of 285 goals in 500

to within two goals of becom-

appearances. Although Piechnik would be ineligible to play in the second round of the Cup Winners' Cup, he would be available were Liverpool to reach the quarter-finals. Phil Thompson, the former Liverpool captain, is taking the club to an industrial

team coach in June. League's mandate, page 35

tribunal, alleging unfair dis-

missal. Thompson was dis-missed from his job as reserve



Postal vote: David Mellor, centre, standing, with Sally Gunnell, Ian Hayden and Chris Boardman at the Royal Mail awards lunch in London yesterday

#### Top Olympians honoured

catch his opponent, but also

set a world record. Boardman

By JOHN GOODBODY

BRITISH sport yesterday acclaimed the successful Olympians in Barcelona in a lunch organised by the Royal Mail. the only corporate sponsor in Britain of both the Games and the Paralympics. Chris Boardman, who won

the individual pursuit cycling title, received the award for the best British performance at the Games from David Mellor, the secretary of state at the national heritage department. Mellor said that Boardman had modestly told him that he owned the cycling gold medal because of the people around him. They helped Chris to be right psychologically and physically on the day."

Boardman took the award ahead of Linford Christie because the panel of judges considered that the cyclist had not only outclassed his Birmingham squad. rivals by becoming the first individual in a pursuit final to

receives a training grant of £3,000, together with the Christie was given a special award by Royal Mail and the women's award for the best female performance at the Games went to Sally Gurmell, who finished first in the 400 metres hurdles. Gunnell won the category from the three judo medal winners. Nicola Fairbrother, Kate Howey and

Sharon Rendle. In the Paralympics, the best British male performance went to Chris Holmes, who took six gold medals and three world records in the swimming events. Holmes, who is blind, trains four hours a day with the City of

The judges were Jerry Cope of the Royal Mail, Neil Wilson of The Daily Mail, Duncan Goodhew, the former Olympic swimming champi-on, Simon Clegg, of the British Olympic Association, and vote from the British Paralympic Association. The awards were best men's performance, Chris Boardman; best female performance, Sal-ly Gunnell; best male performance at Paralympics, Chris Holmes, best female performance at Paralympics, Tanni Grey, best ambassador for British sport at the Olypmic Games, Steve Redgrave; best ambassador for British sport at the Paralympics, David Moreton: special awards: Linford Christie and Ian Hay-

## Olazábal sees no reason to be cheerful

IN YERSATLLES

FOR José-Maria Olazábal, brilliance is obviously not enough. The 65 he produced to lead a high-quality field after the first round of the Lancome Trophy at Saint-Nom-la-Breteche yesterday

would have kept some of his rivals happy for a month. From the self-critical Olazábal it did not elicit so much as a smile.

Just listen to this. "I'm only playing about 50 per cent as well as I can. I'm not going for the flag like I used to; my confidence is just not there. I don't feel anything when I stand over the ball." Does that sound like a man who has just had his third competitive round of 65 on the trot?

The litany of complaints did not end there, "I missed a lot of shots left and right. Here you need to be on the fairway to have any control, and I'm not sure I can do it this week. I don't think I can keep up this scoring." Oh, the misery of it.
A little while later Nick

Faldo, who had had a levelpar 70, was told of his Ryder Cup colleague's doleful utterances.

Faldo smiled indulgently, like you might when told of the words of a young and slightly dotty nephew. "He's young and fussy," he said. When he's ten years older he'll take it and run."

If only Olazábal, who leads by a shot from Vicente Fernandez, Ian Woosnam, Eduardo Romero, Barry Lane and Jose Carriles, had been there to hear the words of wisdom from Uncle Nick. Because to the half-practised eye, it was difficult to see much wrong with a round that if it should be repeated in the next three days will put him firmly in the frame come Sunday afternoon.

He had his first birdie from 15 feet on the 4th, dropped a shot on the 6th but claimed

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the stroke back on the 8th with a sand wedge to no more than an inch. Another three on the 10th was followed at the next by a 27-foot putt for his fourth

He bogeyed the 13th, but handsomely redeemed him-self at the 509-yard 16th, one of only two par fives on the course. A long drive was followed by a three-wood to six feet and a single putt for an eagle three: he made it look deceptively easy.

Thus inspired - or perhaps not - he holed a 50-foot putt on the slippery 17th green for his closing birdie. It was a performance for the connoisseur to savour. For this man it was not so much champagne. more a glass of flat brown ale.

Be that as it may, the gloomy Olazábal will surely still be a factor in the battle for the £79,000 first prize. So, if form and class have anything to do with it, will Faldo and Woosnam\_

The Welshman, whose protracted putting problems continue, was happy with his 66, which was based on a brilliant spell of four birdies in the opening six holes. Turning in 31, he parred every hole coming home and then spoke of his own mental processes in

Day so the same

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the recent past.
"My trouble has been that I've been trying to hit every shot like frozen rope - straight down the fairway, straight at the flag," he said. "Now I'm settling for what I've got." Try telling that to José-Maria Olazábal.

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FIRST ROUND (British and Irish unless stated): 65: J-M Olazábel (Sp.). 68: 8
Lane, É Romero (Arg), J M Cerriles (Sp.). V Fernandez (Arg), J Woosnam. 67: M Ferry (Fr.). O Selberg (Swe), M Roe, T Johnstone (Zim), H Clark.

68: C Riocca (tt), G Day (US), C Mason, S Luna (Sp.), W Riley (Aus), S Richardson, B May (US), 69: G Brand Jr., S Torrance, J Payrine, P Walton, P Sernior (Aus), J Rystrom (Swe), M James, F Nobio (NC), TO: M-A Jimenez (Sp.), J Van de Valde (Fr.), J Rivero (Sp.), R Davis (Aus), M Harwood (Aus), B Langer (Gen), N Feldo, C O'Connor Jr.

71: T Level (Fr), R Karlsson (Swe), J Palmer (SA), B Ogle (Aus), F Lindgren (Swe), G Waite (NZ), D Feherty, M-A Miguel (Sp), P Mitchell, P Broadhurst, I Baker-Finch (Aus) 72: B Gallschier, M Mackenzie, D Gilford, D Silva (Por), J Spence, R Ratierty, C Strange (US), J M Carlizares (Sp).

73: M McLearn, M Bessengeney (Fr), A Sherborne, C Montgomerie, V Singh (Fiji), 74: W Westher (SA), P Baker, M Lanner (Swe), 75: D J Russel, M Devis, P-U Johansson (Swe), A Forsbrand (Swe) 76: J Haeggman (Swe)

George V Gold Cup at Wern-

bley on Chainbridge and two years later won the Dublin

grand prix, again on Chainbridge, His son, An-

drew, represents Britain in

Athens next week and has

three horses, including

#### **Knee injury forces Cowdrey to retire**

CHRIS Cowdrey, the Glamorgan batsman and former England captain, is retiring from first-class cricket after 17 years in the game. Cowdrey, 34, who joined Kent in 1976 and led the side between 1985 and 1990, before being teleased last year. has suffered from a persistent knee injury.

He left Glamorgan by murual consent earlier this summer. Cowdrey played six Tests including one against the West Indies in 1988 as captain.

In almost 300 first-class matches, he scored more than 12,000 runs with 21 centuries at an average of nearly 32. His right-arm seam bowling earned him 200 wickets at a shade under 40. The Glamorgan secretary, Gwyn Stone, said: "He was

one of the nicest men you would ever wish to meet and it was a shame that he was unable to shake off his injuries. Sussex, meanwhile, played

down reports that they were ready to sign Eddie Hemmings, who has been released by Nottinghamshire. The club secretary, Nigel Bett. said: "We would be silly if we didn't have a look at players who become available, but it is premature to say Hemmings is set to join us." Colombo: Sri Lanka agreed to join India and Pakistan in a joint bid to host the 1995 World Cup, the Board of

Control of Cricket in Sri

Lanka announced yesterday.

South Africa and England

have also said they will bid to host the tournament. (Reuter)

## MICHAEL Saywell, a mem-

den (in the Paralympics).



ber of the 1972 Great Britain Olympic show jumping team, has been suspended from the British Show Jumping Association for three years and fined £1,500 after abusing his horse, Sunblest, at the Bakewell Show on August 5.

A sharp-eyed BSJA steward at the show found strips of plastic with sharp, protruding points - designed to make the horse pick his feer up higher over the jumps - stuck to the inside of Sunblest's letlock

The stewards of the BSJA. who have made a recommendation to the executive committee that Saywell be suspended beyond three years, found the Nottinghamshirebased rider guilty of contravening three rules: ill-treating By JENNY MACARTHUR

Saywell suspended for abusing horse

item of saddlery and behaviour prejudicial to the interests of the association.

Saywell said yesterday: "I didn't know ... I didn't put the boots on Sunblest — I wasn't at the lorry. I told the stewards that. I think it's a bit hard.

Andrew Finding, the secre-tary general of the BSJA, said: "The maximum penalty imposed by the stewards reflects the association's abhorrence of such activity. It will not be tolerated at any time by any rider no matter what his

public profile may be." Saywell's heyday was in the 1970s. At Munich in 1972. riding Hideaway, he had the best British score in the team competition. His colleagues were David Broome, Harvey Smith and Anne Moore. In 1976 he won the King

It is the first such incident Finding has encountered since he took up office four years ago. The hard line taken by the BSJA follows the exam-

Sunblest, entered.

ple of the Equestrian Federation of Ireland which last month suspended James Brizell for five years after he was found guilty of using an astringent under the bandages of his horse at Hickstead. Brizell's father. who owned and trained the horse, was suspended for life.